

## A SUCCESS STORY FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Being an older student when I was searching for a site to do my internship, I was bombarded by interviews that would quickly go south once the interviewer was able to determine that I was not in my 20's. Although in saying this I take the risk of sounding like I am jumping to conclusions or looking for excuses, I really feel as though my age played a huge factor for those determining whether or not to accept me for placement. Then I found Youth Crossroads.

I was interviewed by Cynthia, and I quickly received a response back with an offer for placement to complete my fieldwork. For the first time in a long time , I felt heard and valued. This experience is and continues to be fulfilling, supportive and fun.

As an intern, I attend group supervision with those I go to school with. Nobody in my supervision group can boast about fun and engaging staff meetings, opportunities to experience different programs, volunteer opportunities, giveaways or wellness events, to name a few things. No one!

As an intern, I am able to benefit from a variety of perspectival viewpoints in order to better understand my approaches and meet my educational needs. Youth Crossroads is supportive, engaging, inclusive, open-minded and accommodating towards those they work with! I know that my development, as a professional, is being guided in the right direction.

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