Nicholas Rinehart

Nick joins Team MVD from the Fairfax County Department of Family Services. Nick spent over 2 years with DFS as a Human Services Worker in the Self-Sufficiency division, assisting Fairfax County residents in determining in eligibility for public assistance programs such as SNAP and Medicaid. Nick spent the last ten months as a Quality Assurance specialist for the department, helping to train new hires to the division by teaching and mentoring them in program policy and agency procedures, and reviewing their cases to assure agency compliance was met.

Nick also has international work experience on land use in Colombia. During grad school he interned with a community organization that worked with civil society actors to facilitate the implementation of peace accords and collaborate with local officials to advance their interests. He conducted research on the effectiveness of collaborative approaches to solving issues of inequity and helped advocate for reparations, more equitable land use and allocation for low income peasant communities affected by conflict.

Nick brings multiple years of customer service and community outreach experience working in various roles in case management, social services provision, and in the nonprofit sector. He is bilingual in English and Spanish and has used his passion for helping others to contribute in increasing access to services to limited English proficiency populations and underprivileged communities.

Nick holds a Master's degree in Sustainable Development from the SIT Graduate Institute, and has two Bachelor's degrees in Spanish and International Studies from the University of North Carolina at Asheville. In his spare time, he enjoys playing Ultimate Frisbee and basketball, watching and talking sports, discussing current global affairs, reading, listening to NPR, spending time with friends, and Latin dancing