

RESEARCH ASSISTANT INTERN

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Project Summary: SADO is seeking a research assistant intern to work with SADO's Project Re-Entry. Project Re-Entry is a volunteer-based initiative to help assist clients prepare for parole and re-entry back into society. The goal of SADO's Project Re-entry is to work with clients to help create a re-entry plan that addresses the unique challenges and needs of each person. SADO's Project Reentry is currently focused on serving our large juvenile lifer client population. SADO represents nearly two-thirds of Michigan's 360 juvenile lifers currently serving unconstitutional sentences who are now entitled to resentencing and potential release. SADO's Project Reentry has partnered with Daphne Brydon, LMSW at the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work to lead a qualitative research project to better understand the lived experiences of individuals recently released from prison who were incarcerated under a sentence of juvenile life without parole. Using a case study frame, this research project will involve client interviews, interviews with client-specified support persons, and case file reviews. The research team will seek to conduct all interviews and case file extraction during late-May through early-September. The research team will complete data analysis September through December. This is an unpaid internship.

Major Areas of Responsibility

- Intern will complete training in the protection of human subjects and will engage in hands-on qualitative research methods (interviewing, data collection, and data analysis).
- Intern will participate in all aspects of the project, including but not limited to: developing protocols, scheduling and co-facilitating interviews, transcribing interviews, data extraction, and qualitative coding and data analysis.
- Intern will also have an opportunity to assist with developing a manuscript for publication, if interested.

Additional Information

- This is an unpaid internship
- Internship openings are available immediately
- Can work occasionally from home, but occasional office presence in the Detroit office is required
- A minimum of 10 hours per week is required
- Must have own laptop and familiarity with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Adobe

Preferred Qualifications

- Professional experience interfacing with clients or customers
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Current student in social work, law, sociology, criminal justice, psychology or related discipline

To Apply: Submit a **cover letter, resume, and most recent transcripts** (combined in one PDF document) to: Motoki Taniguchi, State Appellate Defender Office, 645 Griswold, Ste 3300, Detroit, MI 48226, Email: MTaniguchi@sado.org.

The last day to apply is May 22, 2017 at 5 pm EST.