

THE EDLAW PROJECT

An Initiative of the Children's Law Center of Massachusetts and the Youth Advocacy Project

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Intern with EdLaw

The EdLaw Project is an advocacy organization created to ensure equal opportunity in life achievement for Boston youth by enforcing every child's right to a quality education. We promote growth and stability in the lives of children and make an impact on education policy.

Students will have an opportunity to represent clients with education matters at school based meetings, Team meetings, discipline hearings and appeals. Students will also have the opportunity to assist attorneys in all aspects of litigation in administrative hearings at the Bureau of Special Education Appeals as well as frequent involvement in juvenile court matters.

Students will be involved in collaborative case work within a multidisciplinary team involving social workers, criminal (juvenile) defense attorneys, and a psychologist. Focus of direct services includes negotiation, advocacy, and client/parent interaction. The internship provides students with an intensive view of the Boston Public School system, hands on client interaction, and a context for understanding how systems affect at-risk youth.

Additionally, students can participate in various community related activities as well as education workshops for students, parents and youth workers. Other opportunities include: collaborations with youth-serving agencies and community based organizations, policy advocacy, developing stories for media, development work, assisting with legislative advocacy, and long term research projects.