

National Network to End Domestic Violence Washington, DC

1 Please describe your organization briefly, including mission statement, activities, size, etc.

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) is a membership and advocacy organization representing state domestic violence coalitions, allied organizations and supportive individuals. NNEDV works to create a social, political and economic environment in which violence against women no longer exists.

Since its inception, the NNEDV has created a public policy voice for battered women and children, secured increases in federal funding for shelter programs and domestic violence coalitions, argued successfully for recognition of private and privileged communications for survivors, and worked to keep firearms out of the hands of abusers.

The Public Policy team at NNEDV works proactively on Capitol Hill to ensure that the voices of battered women and their children are heard in the halls of Congress. In partnership with our outside General Counsel at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky, and Popeo, NNEDV also helps to ensure battered women's voices are represented in landmark court cases.

NNEDV has a sister organization, NNEDV Fund, that provides training and technical assistance to state domestic violence coalitions and other advocates in the field on a range of issues, including cutting-edge work in technology and privacy issues and economic empowerment for victims. Along with this training and technical assistance, NNEDV Fund furthers public awareness of domestic violence, brings resources to local communities addressing the violence and trains advocates in the tradition of social change work that served as the heart of the battered women's movement.

NNEDV and NNEDV Fund together have 17 staff. Two staff work on public policy issues full-time and several others participate in aspects of policy work. Our office is centrally located in Washington, DC, in the vibrant and historic Dupont Circle neighborhood. The office environment is energetic, team-oriented, supportive and fun. Mentorship of interns is important and interns are welcomed as significant members of the NNEDV staff. Staff are committed to ending domestic violence, and approach their work with dedication and passion.

2 Describe **in detail** the work or project an intern will do, **please be as specific as possible**.

Public Policy interns participate in every level of the federal legislative process and work at the national level to end domestic violence. Interns work as partners in the Public Policy team, and are given substantive duties including:

- Participating in lobby visits and strategy sessions with NNEDV staff and coalition partners
- Developing materials to inform Members of Congress and state domestic violence coalitions about critical issues
- Monitoring and analyzing legislation
- Helping to write Congressional testimony and draft legislation
- Participating in grassroots organizing efforts
- Helping to plan and conduct NNEDV's annual legislative and lobby days
- Researching domestic violence issues
- Communicating and networking with a broad range of local, state and national domestic violence organizations
- Attending Congressional hearings, briefings and press conferences

We encourage interns to explore their interests and to experience a broad range of policy and legislative experiences. Working at NNEDV is challenging and rewarding, and interns are included in as many aspects of the policy-making process as possible.

3 Describe any particular skills, background, or qualities you are seeking in an intern

- The ability to work independently in a fast-paced office, under tight deadlines. We need interns who can take initiative and manage their time well.
 - Excellent oral and written communication skills, with an emphasis on brief, persuasive writing and an attention to detail in written work products.
 - A commitment to ending domestic violence.
 - An interest in learning about the national policy-making process.
 - Understanding of and commitment to diversity issues and inclusiveness.
 - A good sense of humor.
 - Experience working with victims of domestic violence or on state or federal policy is a plus.
 - Interest in economic justice issues, including housing, is also a plus.
- There are required dates for this internship. Internship must start on _____ and end on _____ or most include the period _____.

Start and end dates for the internship are flexible.

The expected working schedule for this internship:

Begin 10 a.m. End 6 p.m.

Lunch break: Length 30 mins _____ specific time no _____