



FamilyWise is a local nonprofit organization that has been committed to ending family violence and keeping children safe since 1976. We support families who are in crisis or experiencing challenging times by providing direct service and encouragement. We help families build the skills to lead fulfilling lives and hope for a better future.

Our goal is to promote social change by strengthening families and the community through programs that:

**Educate** parents on skills needed to lead stable lives and provide safe homes for their children.

**Empower** families to achieve self-sufficiency and to advocate for themselves and their children.

**Enrich** the lives of children, youth and families, enabling them to lead healthy, productive family lifestyles.

## Training & Supervision

Students interning at FamilyWise receive supervision, training and support in multiple ways.

In addition to a direct supervisor, all interns have access to a multi-disciplinary team of specialists to offer support and mentoring. These include experts in family education, child development, children's mental health, family and domestic violence, youth development, parent coaching, and community resources.

Interns complete an orientation process and receive at least six hours of training on specific duties, i.e., documentation, assessment, case formulation, privacy & confidentiality, treatment planning, and client engagement. Interns shadow an experienced practitioner in preparation for assuming their own case load. Additional training opportunities are offered through in-service and regular staff trainings.

All master's level interns are assigned a Clinical Supervisor. We have a full-time Clinical Supervisor on staff and also utilize experts in the field to ensure we can meet credentialing requirements, provide diverse supervision experiences, and access to specialties like trauma informed care, domestic violence, PTSD, children's mental health, and marriage and family therapy. Direct, reflective supervision occurs through individual clinical supervision and through group practice, including weekly case review and weekly cohort meetings.



## Time Requirements

Total hours required to complete your internship is determined by your school and academic program. Check with your advisor. FamilyWise requires that all interns complete a minimum of 60 hours. Service learning students are subject to slightly different requirements.

## Worksite Locations

Most interns work out of our main Minneapolis office or St. Paul location. FamilyWise has four other sites where supervised visitations are conducted. Interns doing supervised visitation may be asked to conduct visits at these locations in North Minneapolis, Lakeville, Isanti, or Anoka. FamilyWise also offers home-based services.

### Main Office

3036 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis 55414

### St. Paul Office

281 Maria Ave., St. Paul 55106

### North Minneapolis

1701 Oak Park Ave. N., Minneapolis 55411

### Lakeville

16250 Ipava Ave., Lakeville 55044

### Spirit River Community Center

1320 County Road 5 NE, Isanti 55040

### United Methodist Church of Anoka

850 South St, Anoka, MN 55303

## How to Apply

Complete the internship application on our website [FamilyWiseServices.org](http://FamilyWiseServices.org) and return with resume and cover letter to:

Intern/Volunteer Coordinator

3036 University Avenue SE

Minneapolis, MN 55414

Fax: 612.617.0193

Email: [Volunteer@FamilyWiseServices.org](mailto:Volunteer@FamilyWiseServices.org)

## Questions? 612.877.7826

## Interns are our backbone.

Each year, more than 50 interns volunteer in our programs while pursuing their degrees or licensure credit. They gain valuable hands-on experience while helping our families achieve their goals.

## Benefits of a FamilyWise Internship

- Year-round availability.
- Diverse program experiences which allow internships to be tailored to interns' academic interests, skills and education level.
- Work with diverse families experiencing complex issues prepares interns for almost any issue or population they may work with in their career.
- FamilyWise meets most schools requirements related to direct family contact,
- Access to extensive supervision and training.
- FamilyWise can support degree and credentialing requirements of:

- **Graduate programs in:**
  - Social Work
  - Marriage and Family Therapy
  - Counseling and Psychology
  - Family Social Science
- **Undergraduate programs in:**
  - Social Work
  - Psychology
  - Child Development
  - Family Social Sciences
  - Human Services
  - Other similar fields

"I believe that every child, every person and every family has strengths to make their dreams come true."

- George Kressin



George Kressin

FamilyWise was fortunate to have George Kressin as our Clinical Supervisor until his death in May 2013. The George Kressin Memorial Fund

Internship Award was established to continue his legacy. A cash award is given each year to a former intern who exemplifies our organizational values and Mr. Kressin's commitment to working with families and the community.

## FamilyWise Philosophy

FamilyWise follows a strength-based philosophy of family work which is trauma-informed and takes an ecological approach.



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## Internship Opportunities

