

**York Region Children's Aid Society**  
Year 1 and Year 2 Opportunities  
Spring/Summer Practicum

York Region Children's Aid Society (CAS) is a child welfare agency with a mandate to protect children and assist families to ensure children are safe and risk free from abuse and neglect. The agency provides direct intervention, including assessment, support services and other relevant services for a culturally diverse client population in York Region.

**There are two opportunities at York CAS:**

**1. Legal Services Department:** The placement would be suitable for a student interested in researching and supporting a number of projects that employ both a social work and legal lens. We would have an MSW supervisor available to support the individual, and they would also be working closely alongside our lawyers and legal team. One of the major projects the supervisor mentioned included researching substance abuse disorders, developing appropriate planning to work with families living with substance abuse disorders, and applying the legal and court-relevant lenses to research and planning in this space. There would be other projects as well, but this was one of the larger scale ones we were hoping to have a placement student really spearhead and support with the guidance of our team. The ideal student will have a strong interest in law and research, ideally with some background in the legal field. **(Year 2 Students Only)**

**2. Intake and Assessment Team:** The Intake and Assessment Team works with families to conduct initial investigations to address child protection concerns. As student employee would be assisting with, and as they grow comfortable, leading in conducting investigations, attending virtual court, processing collaterals, attending internal and external meetings, making referrals, and researching appropriate resources for families. The Field Supervisor for this opportunity is a BSW, and this placement would be suitable for a BSW Student. **(Year 1 Students Only)**

**Practicum Requirements:**

- Vulnerable Sector Police Check
- Drivers Licence
- Access to a car

**Does your practicum require any previous experience? If yes, please specify.**

No

**Please indicate whether this practicum will be in-person, remote or hybrid.**

This practicum will be a hybrid.

**Do you require a resume? Or resume and cover letter?**

Resume only.

**Accessibility Considerations:**

- Will the student have access to a private space for notes or computer use? Yes
- Are there breaks between clients/patients/meetings? Yes
- Is the practicum considered fast-paced? Fast
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? Medium
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? Yes
- What are the physical demands of the practicum? Sitting, standing, walking, driving.
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? N/A. If a student has accessibility concerns, they should connect with the Department of People and Culture at YRCAS for support.

Students registered with University of Toronto Accessibility Services may receive appropriate accommodations for practicum settings. To register: <https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/department/accessibility-services/> or call 416-978-8060

**If you are interested in this practicum, please send a resume to [samar.hossain@utoronto.ca](mailto:samar.hossain@utoronto.ca) by 4 pm on February 15, 2024. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.**