



Position: Domestic Violence Protective Order Advocacy Internship (Unpaid)

Reports to: Director of Court Advocacy and Community Response

Hours: 10-12 hrs/week in-office in Chapel Hill

Start/End: Summer 2025; preference for those interested in continuing Fall/Spring 2025

The Domestic Violence Protective Order (DVPO) Advocacy Intern will complete comprehensive survivor advocacy training and shadowing in order to support victims of domestic violence with civil and criminal court processes by phone and in-person at Compass Center's office in Chapel Hill. In this role, the intern will provide supportive crisis counseling, safety planning, and legal information about domestic violence protective orders and criminal domestic violence court. The intern may also assist with other court programming responsibilities.

Core Responsibilities (8-12 hours/week - in office)

- 2-3 weekly daytime shifts in person at the Compass Center office (shifts are typically 9-12 or 1pm) providing legal information and support to clients seeking DVPOs
- Advocacy, outreach and follow-up with existing Compass Center clients
- Maintain statistical records and proper documentation on clients served

Other Responsibilities (1-2 hours/week - flexible)

- Assist with court-program related tasks
- Other special projects based on intern interests and agency need

Intern Requirements:

- **Must be available to work from our office in Chapel Hill twice per week; preference given to someone who is available three times per week & in the morning shift (at least 9am-11:30am)**
- Must be working towards a degree in a human services/social justice related field (i.e. political science, women's studies, pre-law, psychology, social work, criminal justice, etc.) OR equivalent experience
- Interest in learning about civil and criminal domestic violence court processes and providing legal information to victims of domestic violence
- Comfort talking to and assisting individuals in crisis around issues including but not limited to physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, and financial abuse
- Comfort working with all people who enter Compass Center, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity
- Commitment to racial equity and anti-racist work
- Willing to complete a 30+ hour advocate training and shadowing facilitated by Compass Center
- Spanish fluency preferred but not required

This position will be supervised by the Director of Court Advocacy and Community Response. Please submit a resume and brief cover letter/interest email to employment@compassctr.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.