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A Typical Day

On a typical day at YSB, you should expect to be working with all different children between the ages of 7-17. They come from many different walks of life and at times it gets very emotional when you start to actually communicate with them. You have to keep in mind that you are a mentor to them, and that they look up to you for help and guidance. It is essential that you always keep a smile on your face and help to make their day!

The Most Important Things I learned in the Field

While working for YSB, the most important thing I learned was how to communicate and empathize with the children I encountered. Being able to communicate with people from different areas and different life scenarios certainly helps one progress within this field.

Being a part of YSB certainly gave me a more clear understanding of how youth services work. You realize how much of an impact you can have on a young person's life.

This internship helped me narrow down what career path I want to pursue. It gave me a glimpse inside working with

youth services; something I previously had no interest in. However, now I am interested in pursuing a career along the lines of child protection services.

My Advice to Future Students

If you are interested in working with children of all different ages then I would certainly recommend interning with this agency. I certainly wish I spent more time with the children I met. My internship was only 3-credits. If you are interested in this internship I would recommend you to do it for 6-credits, that way you can spend more time with the children.

The Highlight of my Experience

My highlight experience from my internship had to be when I met my "little brother" Kevin. Kevin is 11 years old, and every time we hung out he tells me how much he's missed me since I last saw him. It is a great feeling knowing you make someone happy.

This internship certainly was a stepping-stone that has prepared me for my future career in criminal justice.