

New Orleans Health Department Internship Program Summer/Fall 2025



Internship Title: Office of Violence Prevention Internship (SUM25-09-U)

Start Date: May 2025

End Date: December 2025

NOHD's Office of Violence Prevention:

The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) is responsible for leading the city's intervention and reduction strategies by coordinating partnerships with health care institutions, community organizations, service providers, and academic expertise to prevent violence and promote peace. Our commitment is to foster a collaborative ecosystem where public health approaches drive innovative solutions to reduce violence, support victims, and create a resilient city where every individual can thrive without fear. Our programs emphasize cultural competence in their service delivery, ensuring that all individuals receive support that is respectful of their backgrounds and values.

The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program (DV & SA Program) is situated within the OVP leads the city's response to domestic violence and sexual assault by coordinating community-based and criminal justice partnerships and programs, providing training & technical assistance, supporting prevention programming for families impacted by violence, and advocating for policies that support survivors. Some efforts include the Advocate Initiated Response (AIR) Program, the Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team, the Mayor's Domestic Violence Working Group, the New Orleans DV Prevention Committee, and the Sexual Violence Response Advisory Committee. NOHD's DV & SA Program also coordinates domestic violence and sexual assault multi-disciplinary case review teams and additional working groups and task forces.

Internship Overview:

This macro-focused internship will provide graduate level social work students an opportunity to work with various initiatives under the OVP and DV & SA Program, including the Domestic Abuse Fatality Review (NODAFR), Advocacy Initiated Response (AIR) Program, Gun Safety Initiative, and other community, domestic, and sexual violence prevention efforts. Through this internship, Pincus Scholar interns will develop skills in policy research and development, program evaluation, data analysis, oral and written communication, community outreach, public speaking, and content development.

The ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of public health, the ability to analyze data, communications skills to maintain effective working relationships, strong writing skills, and an organized and detail-oriented work style.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Contribute to coordinating NODAFR review sessions by submitting records requests, reviewing records, inputting data, developing case summaries, and updating protocols.
- Support the gun safety initiative through community outreach, training, and other related projects to support secure storage efforts.
- Assist with domestic violence and sexual assault criminal justice monitoring data analysis projects and develop summarization memos as needed.
- Analyze data related to AIR program outcomes and participate in monthly reviews with AIR Advocates.

Sample Activities

- Aggregate data and contribute to the creation of the Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Report published by NOHD annually.
- Analyze data related to DV responses and community violence and develop a findings presentation for stakeholders.
- Participate in NODAFR, domestic violence, sexual assault, AIR meetings, training, and outreach activities as available.
- Develop and facilitate trainings for NOHD community partners.

Sample Reports and Memos:

- **AIR Program Summary:** [https://nola.gov/nola/media/Health-Department/Files/AIR-Pilot-One-pager-\(1\).pdf](https://nola.gov/nola/media/Health-Department/Files/AIR-Pilot-One-pager-(1).pdf)
- **2021 Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Report:** <https://nola.gov/nola/media/Health-Department/Files/Final-NODAFR-Report-2021.pdf>
- **2022 Strangulation Case Analysis:** <https://nola.gov/nola/media/Health-Department/2022-New-Orleans-Strangulation-Case-Analysis.pdf>

Desired Qualifications:

- In graduate school for public health or related field
- Detail-oriented with the ability to produce precise, high-quality work
- Experience with qualitative and/or quantitative research
- Willingness to research challenging topics
- Interest in community, domestic, and sexual violence prevention
- Experience with Excel and Canva

Intern Supervision:

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