The **Fifteenth District Court Service Unit** offers placement opportunities for undergraduate and graduate level students. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of experiences in the juvenile justice system, including intake processing, social history preparation, probation case management, direct care services, parole planning, and court procedure. A minimum of forty hours of orientation to the Juvenile Justice System in Virginia will be provided with additional formal training in specific areas in the above topics as the opportunities arise. The Fifteenth District Court Service Unit consists of a district office in Fredericksburg and branch offices in Caroline, Essex, Hanover, King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford and Westmoreland.

To enhance the student's overall practicum experience, the expectation would be that the student commits to this placement for a full semester, on at least a halftime basis of twenty hours per week. Students should be in their junior year and/or attending graduate school. Those students considered for placement will be expected to undergo a thorough background investigation, including driving record, after submittal of a volunteer application and interview. If travel is required, reimbursement for mileage or state vehicles will be provided.

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