Internship Position: Advocacy Lead Intern
Organization Name: Refugee Services of Texas, Dallas
Reports to: Dallas Area Director
Hours per Week: 16-32 hours
Length: Minimum 1 semester
Start Date: Fall, Spring and Summer Semester(s)

Summary:
Refugee Services of Texas, Inc. (RS) a non-profit organization providing services to refugees, asylees, survivors of trafficking, unaccompanied children and other displaced individuals and families. RST Programs Department seeks an Advocacy Intern to advance the organization’s’ state-wide, grassroots advocacy efforts. RST has service centers in Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Harlingen and Houston. Each office facilitates a local advocacy internship. The Advocacy Lead Intern is responsible for ensuring cohesive messaging and advocacy activities across RST offices with the guidance and support of the RST Programs Department.

Core Skill Development Opportunities:
● Establish regular communication modes with RST service center advocacy interns
● Ensure all communication materials are approved by the RST Marketing and Communications Coordinator
● Facilitate advocacy trainings for interns and RST local staff
● Communicate regularly with the Refugee Council USA Grassroots Coordinator (TX)
● Identify TX and US districts up for election and create a communication strategy so that candidates receive comprehensive information about refugee resettlement and how it benefits their district
● Make elected representative and political office candidate visits

Skillset:
● Enjoys communication and supporting staff to fulfill RST’s valued mission
Experience working as a legislative aide is a plus
● Strong communication skills including verbal and written
● Assertive and willing to take a stand for human rights

As an intern with Refugee Services of Texas, you will gain incredible experience working with some of the most vulnerable population groups in Dallas. You will also have the opportunity to work alongside a diverse staff within a growing organization.

This is an unpaid internship. For consideration please submit a resume and cover letter with the subject line “Lead Advocacy Intern” to dallas@rstx.org