



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT

the MARIPOSA PROJECT

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The Allstate Treatment & Training in Attachment Center (TATTAC)

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WHO ARE WE?

Ms. Bernadine Janzen, Owner and Operator

Ms. Janzen is an Alaska Licensed Professional Counselor, specializing in trauma of children. She holds a M.S. in Community Based Mental Health which stresses the importance of coordinating, cooperation and collaboration in a system of care. Ms. Janzen has taught health and exercise in community colleges. She has owned and operated two businesses. Ms. Janzen brings her love of music, dance and art to benefit the projects she is involved in. ([Full Profile](#)) Location of Professional License: Alaska #410 Licensed Professional Counselors

Hours available during work week: 20 hours

Description of Duties of the Supervising Staff: Weekly supervision on-site. Monthly off-site training related to Trauma and Attachment. Telephone and/or face-to-face with Interns and university professors is available.

Mr. Mac Whyte - Educator, administrator, administrative assistant, instructor and supervisor.

Mr. Whyte holds an M. S. in Curriculum & Instruction. He served as a school principal in elementary, middle and high schools in Washington and Alaska. He has provided administrative operations for small businesses ([Full Profile](#)).

Location of Professional License: Washington State

Hours available during work week: 20 hours

Description of Duties of the Staff: Weekly supervision on site in client review concerns. Off-site training related to teaching/leading strategies. Upkeep and holding of all Intern materials related to university credit or contracting site resources.

WHO IS BEST SUITED FOR THE PROJECT?

The Mariposa Project is a non-funded opportunity ideal for post baccalaureate and post graduate level students who want to make a positive difference in the quality of life for parentless youth in Mexico. University students who will profit from the experience are International Studies, Psychology, Social Work, Health, Business, Education and those studying Spanish. Persons in the Humanities may benefit from creative opportunities within the project (see [Program Development](#)), as well as, those who may wish to work for themselves. We work with your university to bring you the best experience of an international internship while you earn credit from your university. You may wish to enter as a “Citizen of the World” (those choosing to provide service without academic credit) for the experience of life and work in Mexico. No matter the manner you enter you will be considered an Intern within this project.

Interns will have the opportunity to expand their educational and professional knowledge, increase personal knowledge about themselves and learn valuable life skills while living in a country rich in culture and history. Regardless of your background the Mariposa Project will broaden your understanding of culture, language and the challenges facing world youth. The program is designed for making the most of your time and knowledge while providing opportunities for researching the communities around the site.

LOCATION OF THE INTERNSHIP

The internship is located in the State of Jalisco, in the Chapala Region of Mexico. The closest international airport is Guadalajara, Mexico. You will find sites which will link you to additional information on the area at the end of this document.

SITE AVAILABLE FOR INTERNS

- Orphanage/Shelter

The services will be provided in a local orphanage/shelter. Interns will work with the staff and children in supporting the continued development of the site. See [Contracting Site Agreement](#).

- Clients and Staff

The clients available are youth ages 0-17 who have experienced a break in their parental attachment. Children of the population have often been traumatized by experiences which have affected their brain development. The needs of the population are great. While most house parent staff are literate they are often, not well educated. Employees in the office and at the front gate speak English.

WHY CHOOSE THIS INTERNSHIP SITE?

- Instructors

Your training will be offered by leaders in the field of working with traumatized children and education. You will learn leadership skills, teaching techniques, child development, life skill development, marketing, fund raising and financial responsibility for programs.

- Honing Your Skills

TATTAC makes every attempt to encourage initiative and creativity by building on the strengths of our Interns.

- Develop Your Skills

As an Intern, you'll develop skills highly valued in the professional world such as project management, community cooperation, coordination and collaboration, fund raising, presentation skill building, and communication and time management skills.

- Introductory Training

Prior to beginning the work in the project all Interns will receive introductory training. You can find the complete [Intern Training Manual](#) here.

Monthly Trainings

All Interns will be provided continued quality training for understanding and working with children of trauma throughout their time commitment. Participants will have an opportunity to relate their life experiences to their chosen profession.

- **Personal Resources**

The Chapala Region has limitless talented professionals. We will connect you with individual of your chosen study.

- **Work Reference**

Interns successfully completing the experience will be provided verbal or written reference during your future job seeking experiences.

- **Basic Spanish Classes & Interpreters**

Don't speak Spanish, not to worry. An interpreter will be provided at the contracting site weekly to help with communication. The interpreter will also be utilized for private Spanish lessons.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IN OUR INTERNS

- **Age appropriate individuals**

Due to traveling in a foreign country without chaperones, we are seeking persons who are 21 years or older.

- **Leaders**

TATTAC is looking for leaders with a strong desire to protect and promote healthy attachment in children, the desire to teach while providing independence building and making a positive impact on society.

- **Want to be a Leader?**

Don't consider yourself to be a leader? You will gain the ability to manage multiple tasks, develop interpersonal skills, and solve problems. Learn about collaboration, how to be adaptive, and build rapport in the community while learning skills in taking charge and promoting confidence while using your strengths.

- **Bold Talent**

We seek individuals who are interested in using their bold talent to make a difference in children's lives.

- **Courageous Individuals**

Individuals who do not need "creature comforts" and who understand poverty and low education are not deficits in a person.

- **Working Alone & Team Centered**

We seek individuals who are comfortable in working alone, as well as, partner in sharing their ideas of cooperating, coordinating and collaborating within a team and the community.

- **Past Interns**

Successful interns have been proactive, self-driven, resourceful, detail-oriented and humble individuals who are eager to learn about themselves and how their own attachment has driven them to choose a specific career.

- **Apply Today**

If you possess these qualities apply today for The Allstate Treatment & Training in Attachment Center Internship program. [Click here to download an application.](#)

SHOPPING

- **Local Shopping**

There are plenty of local stores and markets to find most of what you will need in the area. Specialty items or brand names will only be found in the larger city of Guadalajara (one hour away).

MEDICATIONS

You should plan on bringing any daily medications you take with you. Have these labeled by your pharmacy with your name and your prescribing doctors name and number listed.

- **Local Pharmacies**

You can find most all of the over the counter items you require. If you have the ingredients of the product most pharmacists can identify a similar product they carry.

LAUNDRY

Most accommodations do not include a washer/dryer. There are many local laundry services nearby. Drop off your clothes in the morning and they will be washed, folded and wrapped for pick-up in the afternoon.

WEB SITES for familiarization to the area

<http://www.Mexico-Insights.com>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Chapala

<http://www.mexonline.com/chapala.htm>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALT1Ti7BFGw>

<http://www.mexconnect.com/en/articles/155-lake-chapala-region-resource-page-ajijic-chapala-jocotepec>

<http://lifestylerefugee.vidalago.com/>

<http://www.chapalaguide.com/>

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=4787>

DATES FOR INTERNSHIPS:

Dates: SUMMER Weeks may vary, May 21 – August 21, 2011

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[Mariposa Web Site](#)

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