

## **Action for Children**

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**Description of Agency:** Action for Children is a resource and referral agency for early childhood care and education. Since its founding in 1972, the agency has carried out programs aimed at making childcare and other family support services more available, affordable, and better quality. The agency's programs are divided into six categories. First, resource and referral is a telephone line that links parents to child care providers. Second, the registered home child care network is a county-wide group of child care homes that have complete police, fire, and safety checks and receive training and home visits by Action for Children staff. Third, the training program provides childcare professionals (i.e. child care center staff and home care providers) with workshops, seminars, and training materials. Fourth, the employer consultant program offers employers help in planning and providing childcare benefits to their worker. Fifth, the school-age child care programs provide workshops and technical consulting to schools and others who want to develop or who are offering child care to school-age children as well as a telephone reassurance program (PhoneFriend) for children home alone after school. Sixth, the Right for the Start Project, which provides technical assistance to developers of childcare as well as conducting a community communication campaign around "learning begins right from the start."

**Student Responsibilities:** This agency provides primarily an indirect helping experience. Students will be involved in special projects developing and assisting with workshops, community presentations, and administrative tasks. Students may also gain experience in working with the resource and referral telephone line as well as the PhoneFriend program.

**Number of Students:** 2

**Times Available:** 8:30am-5:30pm Monday-Friday. No car is needed and there are no other special requirements.

**For more information on this agency, browse their website:**

[www.actionforchildren.org/](http://www.actionforchildren.org/)