

**SPOTLIGHTING THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM  
AND  
ASHANTI BEENE**

We are thrilled to spotlight Ashanti Beene, an inspiring intern at Family Links! As a passionate domestic violence advocate, mother of two, and 20-year Army veteran, Ashanti is now pursuing her bachelor's degree in social work. Driven by a deep desire to support children facing tough circumstances, she chose Family Links for her practicum—and what an incredible journey it has been!



Ashanti's time with us has opened her eyes to the complexities of family systems and child welfare, and she's found joy in the hands-on experiences of shadowing DCS cases. She was especially struck by the active involvement of fathers and gained a deeper appreciation for the importance of stability in children's lives. Her work has reinforced the vital role that professionalism and empathy play in helping families.

One of Ashanti's most rewarding experiences has been participating in case staffings, where she's built meaningful connections and expanded her understanding of social work. Despite the challenges of securing shadowing opportunities, Ashanti has embraced every moment, eager to learn about the various services offered to families and the full scope of the DCS system.

Her advice for future interns? Do your homework! Research your practicum agency to understand its dynamics and set yourself up for success. Ashanti's dedication, curiosity, and enthusiasm are infectious, and we're proud to have her as part of our Family Links family. She embodies the spirit of learning and growth, and we can't wait to see her continued impact in the field of social work!

If you're passionate about making a difference like Ashanti, consider joining us as an intern or partner with Family Links to help create lasting change in the lives of families and children. Together, we can make a real impact!

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