

## SPOTLIGHTING THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND JAILA GARRETT

Meet Jaila Garrett, a Bachelor of Social Work student at Ball State University, set to graduate in May 2025!

With a heart for youth and a drive to become a school social worker, Jaila's passion for social work was sparked by witnessing the communication gaps between adults and children. During her practicum at Family Links, she dove deep into understanding how systems work together to support young people and their families.



Jaila's experience taught her that confrontation can be constructive, and her initial hesitations about child welfare transformed into compassion and deeper understanding. One of her proudest moments was contributing to a Quality Assurance project, where she created evaluation tools for providers and clients—gaining powerful insight into client engagement and service delivery.

Through her practicum, she refined her time management, assertive communication, and boundary-setting skills—blending classroom learning with real-world impact. While case management isn't her long-term path, the experience strengthened her knowledge of family systems and the importance of guiding, not controlling those we serve.

Her advice to fellow students?

“Stay organized. Be proactive. And embrace growth—even in unexpected places.”

Jaila reminds us that true social work is rooted in compassion, reflection, and empowerment.

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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