

## **Improve Your Chances to Get Hired And/Or Get into Graduate School: Applied Experience for Undergraduate Psychology Majors**

Some people work with autistic children, or normal children in a daycare center, or assist in a group home, etc.

Both alumni in the 1998 Alumni Survey and seniors in the 2001 Exit Interviews indicate that employers look for applied experience, and people who have it are hired over those who do not. Applied experience also is an asset for getting into graduate school.

### Cooperative Education in Psychology

A placement provides job experience and references for future employment searches and a supplement to academic credentials on applications for graduate education.

A placement can be yours by taking one (Psy 387) or two (Psy 387 and Psy 487) Cooperative Education in Psychology (Co-op) courses. The prerequisites are two 300 level psychology courses and departmental permission. These courses consist of experiences relevant to the field of psychology, for example, supervised practical experiences in mental health institutions or in agencies which provide psychological services, or childcare, or which engage in library or laboratory research. Each course consists of a 300-hour on-site placement. Some placements are paid; others are not.

For further information contact the Psychology Department's Co-op Education liaison, currently Dr. Norman Gordon (512 Mark Jefferson, 487-2147).

For working with autistic children, contact Dr. Dennis Delprato (522 Mark Jefferson, 487-1287, [Psy\\_Delprato@online.emich.edu](mailto:Psy_Delprato@online.emich.edu)).

Other faculty may know about other positions, so ask the faculty member who works in an area in which you are interested.

### Academic Services Learning

This involves hands-on experiences in the community. For further information, explore the website [www.asl.emich.edu](http://www.asl.emich.edu), visit the office in 232 Rackham, or call 487-6570.