

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health
Student Professional Development Program

SA 1 Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement
(HOME) Team

Social Work

Internship

Specialization: Severe mental illness and chronic homelessness

DMH Agency:	SA 1 Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement (HOME) Team	
DMH Agency Address:	251 E Avenue K-6, Ste B Lancaster, CA 93535	Service Area 1
DMH Agency Liaison:	Brenda Coon	
New or Returning:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Returning	
Liaison Email Address:	bcoon@dmh.lacounty.gov	
Liaison Phone Number:	213-605-3820	
Liaison Fax Number:		
Agency ADA accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No" identify: street & desert environment may not be accessible	

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	1
Beginning and ending dates:	2023-2024 school year

Student Schedule:

Please indicate days and times students should be available to provide services, including mandatory staff meetings (SM), training seminars (TR), supervision (SUP), etc.

Monday	N/A
Tuesday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:00am-5:00p.
Wednesday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:00am-5:00p.
Thursday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:00am-5:00p.
Friday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:00am-5:00p.

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	Based on school's weekly requirements
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	60% of the required weekly hours
Expected average consumer caseload:	3-6
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	Various cultural groups in the Antelope Valley
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Description of Site: *(Please describe the type of Agency setting and services offered)*

SA 1 Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement (HOME) Team provide mental health services to those who are gravely disabled, chronically homeless, with severe mental illness. This program is 70% field based and 30% Office or Virtual. Clients are engaged and provided services face to face in the street and desert environments. HOME Team staff are considered essential workers and as such have been working in the field with their clients throughout the COVID-19 pandemic/endemic. Interns should be prepared for a combination of in office / virtual and a field-based internship that includes street and desert-based outreach, engagement, and treatment of the most vulnerable in our community.

Target population and types of services provided: *(please check all that apply)*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psychoeducational groups (e.g. Parenting Groups)
<input type="checkbox"/> Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Children & Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief treatment to mid-term treatment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long term treatment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Older Adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention
<input type="checkbox"/> Court/Probation referred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening and Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation/Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/> Psych Testing (For psychology students only)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

What are the most frequent diagnostic categories of your client population?

Psychotic, Mood, and Substance Use Disorders with co-occurring health issues.

What specific (perhaps unique) training opportunities do students have at your agency?

DMH provides great trainings throughout the school year specifically for the students.

What evidence based practices or theoretical orientations will students be exposed to at this site?

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Seeking Safety

Do students have the opportunity to work in a multidisciplinary team environment that includes those with lived experience?

Yes. Our team is comprised of social workers, a nurse, a part time nurse practitioner, substance abuse counselor, and staff with lived experience.

List locations where students will be providing services **other than agency?**

Services will be provided in the streets and desert locations of North Los Angeles County- Antelope Valley-Lancaster, Palmdale and surrounding communities

Does your agency allow students to videotape and/or audiotape clients for the purpose of presenting cases in their academic classes? Yes No

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Supervision:

What types of supervision will be provided for the students and what is the licensure/discipline of the supervisor? Please specify below.

Type	Hours Per Week	On Site Supervisor Degree/Discipline
Individual:	1-2	LCSW
Group:		

What is the minimum ratio of supervision to client contact hours?

Does your agency require a particular range of previous experience or specific prerequisite coursework? *If so, please explain.*

We are looking for 2nd year MSW students who are comfortable working in street & desert environments.

Agency Application Process
Mandatory requirements: *Only students from academic institutions who have a current affiliation agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health may be extended a placement opportunity. All students are processed through Human Resources Bureau. All prospective interns must obtain live scan clearance. All interns are required to complete a mandatory HIPAA Compliance and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training (for line staff) as part as the terms of their internship.*

DMH Staff completing this form: Brenda Coon

Title: LCSW

Program Head or District Chief: Brenda Coon

Phone #:213-605-3820

Program Manager attests to accepting student placements at this site. Date: 1/19/24