

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program

Specialized Foster Care – Torrance Office

Psychology

Practicum

Internship

DMH Agency:	Specialized Foster Care – Torrance Office	
DMH Agency Address:	2325 CRENSHAW BLVD. TORRANCE CA 90501	Service Area 8
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Agency ADA accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If “No” identify:	

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	1
Beginning and ending dates:	Start: First week of Sept. End: end of August.

Student Schedule:

<i>Please indicate days and times students should be available to provide services, including mandatory staff meetings (SM), training seminars (TR), supervision (SUP), etc.</i>	
Monday	Alternate attendance day - 8am-5pm
Tuesday	Alternate attendance day - 8am-5pm
Wednesday	Mandatory attendance - 8am-5pm
Thursday	Alternate attendance day - 8am-5pm
Friday	Mandatory attendance - 8am-5pm
Total hours expected to be worked per week:	24 hours
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	10-15
Expected average consumer caseload:	10-15
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	African American, Hispanic, and Low SES

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Description of Site: *(Please describe the type of Agency setting and services offered)*

We are a directly operated LAC-DMH field based community mental health clinic. The clinic provides assessments and therapy (Evidence Based Practices) to infants, children, adolescents, teens, and families involved with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Field base can include but not limited to homes, schools, shelters, and daycare centers.

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

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

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

PTSD, AD/HD, mood disorders, and substance Abuse.

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

Didactic training on 0-5 and trauma informed therapy, CANS, professional development, substance abuse and diagnostic skills enhancement as well as any training provided by DMH outside of our agency.

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

Seeking Safety, psychodynamic, CBT, dyadic therapy, infant-mental health and family therapy.

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

Social workers, psychiatrists, medical case workers, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, lawyers, community workers, and substance abuse counselors.

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

Primarily in the SA8 community but can include other services areas.

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:	2.0 - 3.0 hrs	PsyD/PhD
Group:	1.0 – 2.0 hrs	PsyD/PhD/MD/LMFT/LCSW

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

1:10

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

All students must be in good standing in their doctorate program and entering their third year of training or higher. Students with prior child/adolescent experience, bilingual (English/Spanish), and community mental health experienced preferred.

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: Chad Brinderson, PhD;

Title: SCP

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