

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

**Specialized Foster Care Metro North**

**Psychology**

**Practicum**

**Specialization: Children, Young adults and Families involved with Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)**

<b>DMH Agency:</b>	Specialized Foster Care, Metro North Office	
<b>DMH Agency Address:</b>	1933 S. Broadway, 6 <sup>th</sup> floor Los Angeles, CA 90007	Service Area <b># 4</b>
<b>DMH Agency Liaison:</b>	Lorraine Viade, Psy.D.; Ornella Gonzales, Psy.D.	
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<b>Agency ADA accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No" identify:	

**Student Requirements:**

<b>How many positions will you have?</b>	1-2
<b>Beginning and ending dates:</b>	First week in September – end of August (end date is flexible)

**Student Schedule: Wednesday and Friday are mandatory, flexible additional day**

<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>	
<b>Monday</b>	X
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	X
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	X

<b>Total hours expected to be worked per week:</b>	20-24
<b>Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:</b>	4-7
<b>Expected average consumer caseload:</b>	4-7

**What cultural groups typically received services at your site?**

Latinx, African American, lower SES



## Student Professional Development Program

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

We are co-located within the DCFS office building in SA4. We are a directly operated LAC-DMH site, that focuses on providing assessment, individual therapy, and case management services to children and families involved in the DCFS system. Our clients range from 0-21 years old, with opportunity for individual therapy and family therapy. We primarily provide services in the field and office settings, with the ability to also see children in the schools or shelter settings. We work closely with our DCFS partners to meet the needs of the client. We attend case consultations and Child/Family Team meetings as requested. Many of our clients come from diverse backgrounds and we strive to provide culturally sensitive services. We offer supervision in Spanish as well, to further foster Spanish speaking therapeutic skills.

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

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

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

Trauma related disorders, mood disorder, anxiety and substance use disorders

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

Training may include weekly or biweekly didactics focused on providing trainings in various areas such as basic clinical principles, trauma informed care, working with transitional age youth, substance use, diagnosis, documentation, etc. Trainings are provided by DMH staff or outside agencies.

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

CBT, DBT, Seeking Safety, etc.

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

Students will work with other clinicians such as psychologist, marriage and family therapists, social workers and medical case workers. Students will also work along side DCFS case works and other departments as needed by each case.

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

Services are in the Metro North office and can include field work in SA4 (and surrounding areas)

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

With client/caregiver consents.

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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
<b>Individual:</b>	1-2	Psy.D./PhD Supervising Psychologist
<b>Group:</b>	1-2	PsyD/PhD/LMFT/LCSW

What is the minimum ratio of supervision to client contact hours? 2:7

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

Students must be in good standing with their doctorate program. Students with prior experience working with children and adolescents are encouraged to apply. Students with Spanish speaking ability, who are interested in actively practicing and learning therapeutic skills in Spanish are strongly encouraged to apply.

**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/Field Instructor completing this form:**

Ornella Gonzales, Psy.D.

**Title:** Clinical Psychologist

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**Date:** 11/14/2024

**Program Manager:** Haydouk Zakarian

**District Chief:** Angelia Ridgway

Both Program Manager and Chief agree to students accepted at this site.

**Electronic Signature:** Ornella Gonzales, Psy.D.

**Date:** 11/14/2024