

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program

Specialized Foster Care Wateridge

What discipline? (Psychology)

Internship/ Practicum

Specialization: (List services or populations)

DMH Agency:	SFC-Wateridge	
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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:	First week of September to the end of August

Student Schedule: Tuesday through Friday

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

Monday	-----
Tuesday	Alternate attendance day - 8am-5pm
Wednesday	Alternate attendance day - 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:	6-10
Expected average consumer caseload:	6-10

What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	African American, Hispanic, 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Court/Probation referred	<input type="checkbox"/> Psych Testing (For psychology students only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation/Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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

PTSD, mood disorders, anxiety disorders. Treatment cases tend to have experienced significant trauma.

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

We have made arrangements with the SFC-Figueroa program for our psychology students to be included in their weekly trainings provided to their full-time psychology interns on topics related to intervention and assessment for children and families.

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

Opportunities to learn EBPs will depend on what trainings the Department will be offering during the academic year.

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

Our treatment team includes four licensed psychologists, two licensed psychiatric social workers, one licensed marriage and family therapist, two medical case workers who do the linkage to contract providers, two psychiatrists, and a mental health counselor RN.

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

SFC is a field-based program. Most of the work is conducted in clients' homes and schools, though sometimes it is done in other community locations like parks. There is an opportunity for

telehealth when clinically indicated, though assessments must always be done in person.

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	PhD or PsyD
Group:	1.0-2.0 per month	PhD/PsyD/MD/LCSW/LMFT

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. 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/Field Instructor completing this form:

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Email: clevinger@dmh.lacounty.gov Date: 10/23/2025

Program Manager: Chandler Norton

District Chief: Angela Shields

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

Electronic Signature: Chandler D. Norton, PM II Date: 10/30/25