

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

Mental Health Court Linkage Program

What discipline? (Social Work)

Internship/ Practicum

Specialization: (Forensic, severe mental illness and homeless population)

DMH Agency:	Mental Health Court Linkage Program (MHCLP)	
DMH Agency Address:	SA 3: 2335 S. Towne Ave, Pomona, CA 91766 SA 8: 275 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802	<small>Service Area</small> Multiple
DMH Agency Liaison:	Cinthya Alcaraz	
New or Returning:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Returning	
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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?	2
Beginning and ending dates:	Academic year

Student Schedule: Tuesday through Friday

<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	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:00am-5:00pm
Thursday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:00am-5:00pm
Friday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of

	7:00am-5:00pm
Total hours expected to be worked per week:	Based on school's weekly requirements
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	40%- 60% of the required weekly hours
Expected average consumer caseload:	3-6 plus case management, linkage services and other related duties
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	MHCLP serves a wide range of cultural groups in LA County, within the forensic population. Trainees can expect to interface with a dynamic array of ethnic, cultural, religious, and socioeconomic populations.
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Description of Site: *(Please describe the type of Agency setting and services offered)*

The MHCLP program is part of LACDMH's system of supports and services offered throughout the criminal justice continuum from arrest to release. This program incorporates the "no wrong door" philosophy by offering the courtroom as an entry point for services. The objectives of the program are to increase coordination and collaboration between the criminal justice and mental health systems, improve access to mental health services and supports, and enhance continuity of care. CLP further aims to provide ongoing support to families and to educate the court and the community-at-large regarding the specific needs of these individuals. Participation is voluntary and available to adults, 18 years old and above. Within MHCLP there are 2 primary sub programs. The Court Liaison Program (CLP) and The Community Reintegration Program (CRP) trainees will primarily work with these two programs.

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

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

The MHCLP provides services to individuals suffering with various forms of psychosis (Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective, and Bipolar with Psychotic Features and other Mood Disorders). Many MHCLP Team clients also experience substance use disorders with co-occurring health issues. Depression, anxiety, traumatic stress-related disorders are not uncommon but not the focal point diagnostically.

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

Trainees will be provided with weekly group supervision and offerings of countywide trainings throughout the year. Additionally, they will have opportunities to learn and interact with legal partners and participate in criminal proceedings in the criminal courts.

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

MHCLP utilizes a trauma informed care lens when working with the forensic and severely mentally ill population. A strong emphasis on motivational interviewing can be expected. Students will learn from daily interactions with multi-disciplinary teams that have a wide range of experiences and clinical expertise. Frequent client interactions will provide opportunities to utilize different modalities and theoretical orientations in a court based or treatment setting with some of the most vulnerable individuals within the forensic population.

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

Yes – each MHCLP team is comprised of a licensed clinician and unlicensed case manager. Our larger team also includes nurses and psychologists. Additionally, interns will have the opportunity to work along side justice partners such as, judges, attorneys and law enforcement.

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

Students will be assigned to a courthouse or a contracted residential treatment facility.

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	LCSW
Group:	1	LCSW

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

4-6 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/MFT students who are comfortable working with the forensic population within the court system as well as residential treatment facilities.

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:

Cintha Alcaraz, LCSW _____ **Title:** Mental Health Clinical Supervisor

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Program Manager: Malik Tate, LCSW

District Chief: Praveen Kambam

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