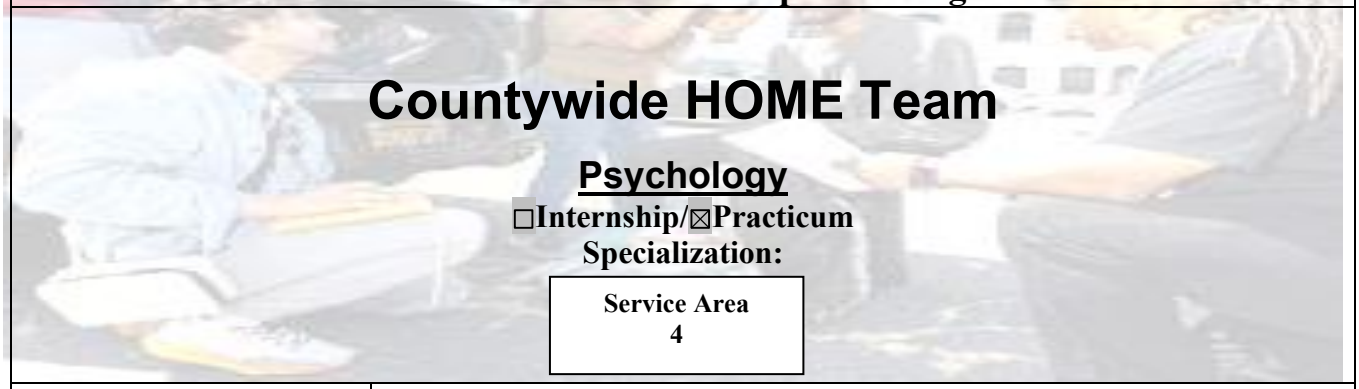
`County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program



Countywide HOME Team

Psychology

☐Internship/☒Practicum

Specialization:

Service Area 4

DMH Agency:	**Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement Program (HOME)** is a County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health directly operated mental health provider who provides forensic field-based mental health services to severely and persistently mentally ill individuals who are currently or formerly unhoused.
DMH Agency Address:	Office: 222 S. Hill St, Los Angeles, 90012 Field-based services provided countywide
DMH Agency Liaison:	Jessica Bruzas, PsyD
New or Returning:	☐ New ☒ Returning
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Liaison Phone Number:	(213) 435-0536
Liaison Fax Number:	
Agency ADA accessible	☒ Yes ☐ No If "No" identify:

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	2-4
Beginning and ending dates:	August-July.

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	Optional-8am-5pm
Tuesday	Optional-8am-5pm
Wednesday	Optional-8am-5pm
Thursday	Optional-8am-5pm
Friday	Manditory-930am-230pm

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	Minimum of 24
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	8-10

Expected average consumer caseload:	8-10
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	The HOME Program provides services to a culturally diverse client population representative of Los Angeles County.

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

HOME, Recovery & Wellness (R&W) team, provides forensic field-based outreach, engagement, support, and treatment to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness who formerly experienced unsheltered homelessness and are currently or formerly conserved. Services are provided by addressing basic needs; conducting clinical assessments; providing street psychiatry; providing linkage to appropriate services (including mental health services substance abuse treatment and shelter) and neuropsychological testing.

HOME serves individuals 18 and over who are experiencing or formerly experienced chronic unsheltered homelessness and who have profound mental health needs and associated impairments. These vulnerable and disengaged individuals struggle with securing appropriate food, clothing, and shelter due to their mental illness. In addition, they may have critical deficits in hygiene and communication and are generally highly avoidant of services. They are unable to live safely in the community and require specialized mental health services to secure

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

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

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

Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders, Mood Disorders, Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders, Co-Occurring Disorders, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

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

Practicum students have the opportunity to work as part of an **interdisciplinary treatment team** providing community-based mental health services to adults experiencing serious mental illness, homelessness, and co-occurring disorders. Training emphasizes both clinical and systems-level competencies essential for work within Los Angeles County's public mental health and housing systems.

Students will:

- Participate in **street psychiatry outreach** and **clinical field rounds** focused on assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning.
- **Carry a caseload of approximately 8–10 clients**, providing ongoing case management and individual mental health services under supervision.
- Receive **weekly clinical supervision** from a licensed **PsyD Field Instructor** and participate in team-based case consultation.
- **Collaborate with psychiatrists, clinical pharmacists, registered nurses, and nurse practitioners** to coordinate medication support services and integrated care.

- **Participate in the coordination and implementation of psychiatric hospitalizations** as part of multidisciplinary treatment planning.
- Administer and interpret a range of **neuropsychological and risk assessment instruments**, including:
- Gain experience **navigating Los Angeles County's housing system** and supporting clients through placement and stabilization processes.
- Develop working knowledge of the **Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Conservatorship process** and related legal and ethical considerations.

This practicum provides hands-on training in **multidisciplinary collaboration**, **trauma-informed care**, **forensic assessment**, and **recovery-oriented treatment** within a complex community mental health environment.

- *Neuropsychological Assessment Battery (NAB)*
- *MATRICS Consensus Cognitive Battery (MCCB)*
- *Historical-Clinical-Risk Management–20, Version 3 (HCR-20)*
- *Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA)*
- *Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE)*

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

Motivational Interviewing, Seeking Safety, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Psychodynamic Therapy.

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

Students will work as part of a multidisciplinary team which includes Community Health Workers, Peer Specialists, and other individuals with lived experience.

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

Various levels of care: inpatient hospital, Institution for Mental Disease (IMD), Enhanced Residential Services (ERS)/Enhanced Residential Care (ERC), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), Assisted Living, Board and Care, and private homes within the Los Angeles County area.

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 and/or conservator/guardian consent.

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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	PsyD, MD, LCSW/LMFT
Group:	1-2	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*.

N/A

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:

Jessica Bruzas **Title**: Supervising Psychologist

Email: jbruzas@dmh.lacounty.gov

District Chief: Aubree Lovelace

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

Jessica Bruzas **Electronic Signature:**