

# Connections Day School

31410 NORTH US HIGHWAY 45 \* LIBERTYVILLE, IL \* 60048

## POPULATION SERVED

- ❖ **Children & Adolescents** with Special Education Eligibilities (Emotional & Behavioral Challenges) **and their Families**
- ❖ Individuals struggling with mild to severe: depression & related mood disorders; anxiety disorders; disruptive, impulse-control & conduct disorders; trauma & stressor related disorders; substance-related & addictive disorders; neurodevelopmental disorders; obsessive-compulsive disorders; psychotic disorders; and personality disorders.
- ❖ CDS Students and their families are diverse in age, culture, ethnicity, race, religion, socioeconomic status, gender identity and sexual orientation.

## TRAINING POSITIONS

- ❖ 4 Therapy Externships
- ❖ 2 Doctoral Internships
- ❖ 2 Post-Doctoral Fellowships

## INTERNSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Daily opportunities for Individual, Group, Family & Milieu Therapy and Crisis Intervention
- ❖ 2 hours of Individual Supervision, 4 hour of Group Supervision, and 1.5 hours of Didactic Training per week (all with on-site Supervisors)
- ❖ Monthly Family Therapy Seminar
- ❖ Monthly Psychiatric Consultation
- ❖ Provide Informal Supervision to Externs
- ❖ Optional Animal-Assisted Therapy with our Staff Therapy Dogs
- ❖ Participation in Multidisciplinary Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Meetings for the students on your caseload
- ❖ Working as a Valued Member of a Multidisciplinary Team which includes: Special Education Teachers, Behavior Specialists, a Psychiatrist, Art Therapist, Substance Abuse Specialist, Speech & Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, and other established Psychologists & Professionals in the Field



*Connections Day School follows APPIC Guidelines for all Doctoral Internship applicants.*

## INTERNSHIP FORMAT & BENEFITS

- ❖ \$23,000 stipend
- ❖ Optional Healthcare, Dental and 401K benefits
- ❖ Laptop Computer
- ❖ Starts in mid-August and runs through the late-July | Hours: 8:00am – 4:00pm
- ❖ Interns carry an average individual therapy caseload of 10-12 students, and run 6 groups per week
- ❖ Vacation Time: Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring, & Summer Breaks, all National Holidays, and a modified Summer Schedule (4 days per week – M, Tu, W, & Th - for the last 5 weeks of the school year)
- ❖ Paid Sick Days (16), and Personal Days (2), for the year
- ❖ No pager, crisis phone line, or on-call duties
- ❖ Free lunch available daily from Organic Life (see CDS website for sample menu)
- ❖ Free parking
- ❖ Access to a Clinical Library of books & manuals, and therapeutic resources & supplies
- ❖ Monthly allowance for program/clinical supplies
- ❖ Participation in Staff outings & events and team-building activities throughout the year

## SPECIALIZED DIDACTIC TRAINING TOPICS

- ❖ Diagnosis & Treatment of Complex Child & Adolescent Presentations
- ❖ Working Collaboratively & Proactively as Part of a Therapeutic Milieu
- ❖ Legal & Ethical Issues with Young People & Families
- ❖ Professional Development
- ❖ Strength-Based Treatment Approaches
- ❖ Complex Trauma, PTSD & EMDR
- ❖ Occupational Therapy & Sensory Processing
- ❖ Evidence-Based Treatment Approaches
- ❖ Art Therapy
- ❖ Individual & Family Substance Abuse
- ❖ Autism Spectrum Disorder
- ❖ Crisis Prevention Interventions (CPI) and Techniques
- ❖ The Special Education System & Individualized Education Plans (IEP)
- ❖ Data Collection, Progress Monitoring & Outcome Measurements



## LEAD CLINICAL TRAINING STAFF

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