

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

OF THE CONNECTIONS DAY SCHOOL

CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The Clinical Training Program at Connections Day School is extensive - offering three Post-Doctoral Fellowship positions, three Doctoral Internship (APA accredited) positions, and four Psychotherapeutic Externship/Practicum (ACEPT member) positions.

Each program has been designed to help Externs/Interns/Fellows (Trainees) develop and refine their clinical skills in key areas of practice, all while functioning as a valued member of a multidisciplinary team. This team is comprised of: Psychologists, Professional Counselors, Special Education Teachers, Principal, Program Assistants, Restorative Intervention Specialists, an Art Therapist, Substance Abuse Specialist, Speech & Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Marriage & Family Specialist and Psychiatrist. There is an emphasis on training in fundamental and advanced clinical skills, with a primary focus on Individual, Group, Family & Milieu Therapy, and Crisis Intervention. The training program is designed and organized in a way that provides Trainees with a planned, programmed sequence of training experiences – one that assures breadth and quality of training.

Trainees are provided with the opportunity to work with high-risk children, adolescents and their families. Individuals who are struggling with mild to severe: mood, anxiety, behavior, substance-related, psychotic, developmental, and personality disorders, who are diverse in age, culture, ethnicity, race, religion, socioeconomic status, gender identity and sexual orientation. All of this work is done under the careful supervision of the Clinical Director, and other members of our dynamic Clinical Training Staff.

Ultimately, the primary objective of the CDS Clinical Training Program is to promote our Trainees' professional growth in such a way that, by the end of their training year, they feel confident in their ability to function as Clinicians who practice in accordance with the highest standards of care.