



CLINICAL SERVICES INTERN

Plans and provides counseling to individuals, couples, families and groups. May also provide professional presentations and educational programs as needed.

INTERNSHIPS AT LCFS

Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois (LCFS) values the opportunity to provide hands-on experience, insight and guidance in the field. It is the goal for all LCFS interns to have an experience of exposure to skills consistent with the competencies we would develop in new professionals entering the field. LCFS has varied means for aspiring helping professionals to experience and engage a diverse set of children, individuals, adults, systems and multidisciplinary teams. LCFS interns have an opportunity to work in multiple programs to obtain a better understanding on how we connect to meet the needs of clients. An internship with LCFS will also help students gain familiarity with the importance of partnership, collaboration and learn about external services that are available to the community and other stakeholders. Students will be empowered to explore, build and exercise their skill level in the area of engagement, assessment, evaluation, critical thinking and intervention through a varied lens and opportunities. All interns are engaged in an agency orientation to acclimate them to their internship role, critical policies, practices, shared expectations and accountabilities for their experience at LCFS.

HOW TO APPLY?

Submit your resume with a cover letter indicating your area of interest, availability to complete your internship hours, and other identifying factors related to your major so that we can determine if a match is possible. Resumes and cover letter should be sent to Internship@lcfs.org.

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DUTIES OF CLINICAL SERVICES INTERN:

- Develop a variety of evidence-informed treatment approaches to clinical work with individuals, couples, families and groups. All treatment approaches utilized must be approved by the Agency.
- Has a developing understanding of the role of trauma in the lives of those we serve and an understanding of the interventions which are most effective with those who have experienced trauma.
- Ability to complete quality documentation including IMCANS and Medicaid billing notes.
- Knowledge of and ability to understand the Illinois Mental Health Code, Confidentiality Act and the Illinois Child Abuse and Reporting Act.
- Has a developing understanding of the importance of partnership and collaborative problem-solving with those we serve and other stakeholders.
- Has the ability to lead discussions, conceptualize well and communicate effectively; advocate for families and youth served; mobilize and educate families about formal and informal resources to support families.
- Meets all the requirements for paperwork and productivity.
- Works cooperatively and professionally with other professionals.
- Is flexible in meeting the needs of those served.
- Works as a team member.
- Presents self in a professional manner.
- Has an understanding of institutional racism and its impact on those served, as well as a developing understanding of the role of clinical services in dismantling structures of institutional racism.
- Provides a welcoming and affirming experience for clients, colleagues and other stakeholders in the LGBTQ community.
- Has an interest in Social Service and the mission of LCFS.



QUALIFICATIONS & ABILITIES:

Must meet the qualifications of a Mental Health Professional as defined in Rule 132 of the Illinois Mental Health Code. One of the following:

- A bachelor's degree in counseling and guidance, rehabilitation counseling, social work, education, vocational counseling, psychology, pastoral counseling, family therapy, or a related human service field;
- A bachelor's degree in any other field with two years of supervised clinical experience in a mental health setting;
- A practical nurse license under the Illinois Nurse Practice Act [225 ILCS 65];
- A certificate of psychiatric rehabilitation from a DHS-approved program, plus a high school diploma or GED, plus 2 years of experience in providing mental health services;
- A recovery support specialist certified by, and in good standing with, the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association, Inc.;
- A family partnership professional certificate from and in good standing with the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association, Inc.;
- An occupational therapy assistant licensed under the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act [225 ILCS 75] with at least one year of experience in a mental health setting;
- A minimum of a high school diploma or GED and 5 years supervised clinical experience in mental health or human services; or
- Any individual employed as an MHP prior to July 1, 2013 may continue to be so designated unless employment changes



QUESTIONS? CONTACT LCFS' HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AT (708) 771-7180