

Clinical Postdoctoral Fellowship in School Based Mental Health and Special Education

Summary

The Baker Center for Children and Families (previously Judge Baker Children's Center), a Harvard Medical School Affiliate, is accepting applications for a clinical postdoctoral fellowship position at the Manville School, a therapeutic day school located at The Baker Center for Children and Families. The Manville School is an out of district placement for students from kindergarten through 10th grade who experience emotional, neurological, or learning difficulties that have impacted their ability to succeed in previous school settings. Manville has a strong tradition of providing innovative educational programming, behavioral interventions, and evidence-based clinical services. This integration of services provides students with challenging needs the opportunity to experience academic success, social development, and emotional growth.

The clinical postdoctoral fellow will carry a caseload of up to 8 students enrolled in the Manville School. The fellow will serve as their student's clinician and case manager, which will include the delivery of therapeutic services (individual, small group, or push-in), consultation with classroom teams, family therapy/parent training (as applicable), and collaboration with both internal and external support services and providers. The fellow will also work with classroom teams to deliver a social-emotional learning curriculum that draws from evidence-based practices. As case manager, the fellow will lead any interdisciplinary team meetings, service-planning meetings, or parent-teacher conferences for the student. As part of the fellow's role as a psychologist at Manville, training will also include the assessment and evaluation of students requiring 3-year re-evaluations to determine continued eligibility for special education services. Assessments are comprehensive and include psychological evaluation and diagnostic impressions. The postdoctoral fellow will receive training and supervision in evidence-based interventions for children and adolescents, including potential certification in the Modular Approach to Therapy for Children (MATCH). Applicants will also receive supervision consistent to meet Massachusetts psychology licensure requirements during the fellowship year. Appointment as a fellow at Harvard Medical School is available for the qualified successful applicant.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Maintaining a diverse caseload of approximately 8 students, providing weekly therapeutic services
- Implementing an evidence-based social emotional curriculum within an assigned classroom
- Conducting diagnostic and psychoeducational assessments
- Providing consultation and crisis intervention as needed
- Coordinating care with families, community-based providers, government agencies and other collaterals as appropriate
- Leading interdisciplinary team meetings and attending all IEP meetings for your caseload
- Co-supervising graduate level trainees

Qualifications and Skills

Candidates must meet all the following requirements:

- Completion of a PhD/PsyD/EdD (or foreign equivalent) in Clinical, Counseling, or School Psychology from an accredited academic program
- Completion of an APA- or CPA-approved internship

- Clinical training and experience with evidence-based practices and interventions
- Clinical training and experience with comprehensive evaluations and report writing
- A commitment to culturally responsive care

Strong applicants will have:

- Experience supervising or training clinicians in evidence-based practices
- Clinical training and experience with risk assessment and crisis management
- Clinical training and experience in school settings or in higher levels of care
- Excellent interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills (verbal and written)

Compensation

Compensation is competitive and based on experience. A generous benefits package is provided.

Our Organization

Founded in 1917, The Baker Center for Children and Families is a Harvard Medical School affiliate with proven leadership in children's behavioral health. The Baker Center's mission is to promote the best possible mental health of children through the integration of research, intervention, training, and advocacy. For over 100 years, The Baker Center has been instrumental in creating a continuum of care that supports children's healthy development at the policy, systems, and practice levels. Our research, direct programs and services, training, and advocacy make The Baker Center a preeminent voice and active resource on issues of children's mental health. At The Baker Center, the practices created and tested today will become the best practices of tomorrow. Our programs help children and families chart their own best course for developmental, emotional, and intellectual well-being in community-based settings.

The Baker Center for Children and Families is dedicated to the achievement of equality of opportunity for all its employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other protected group status under federal, state, or local law. The Baker Center for Children and Families is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

The preceding statements shall not be considered a detailed description of all the work requirements of the job. There may be other duties and responsibilities required to achieve the principal functions of the position and to advance the mission of The Baker Center for Children and Families.

Applications

Interested candidates should send:

- A cover letter specifically addressing your experience related to the job responsibilities above
- A curriculum vitae
- Two (2) letters of recommendation emailed directly from your writer to kshapiro@bakercenter.org
- A de-identified assessment report (e.g., psychoeducational or neuropsychological report)

to the Clinical Director, Kristy Shapiro, PhD, NCSP, at kshapiro@bakercenter.org. In the title of your email, please reference "Clinical Postdoc Fellowship Application".

Application Deadline: January 5th, 2024

Position Start Date: August 26th, 2024