

The Superior Court of the District of Columbia was enacted by the United States Congress in 1970. It is a service oriented organization that provides efficient, impartial and accessible resolution of disputes and other legal matters.

Additionally, the Court assists the community by providing a variety of allied social programs. As such, Court Social Services was established in 1972. It provides probation, treatment and intervention programs for juveniles and their families.

The Child Guidance Clinic is a branch within Court Social Services of the Superior Court. It is designed to meet both the needs of the Court and its staff for the purposes of providing comprehensive clinical and forensic psychological evaluations. Individual and group psychotherapy is also provided, as well as consultation and research.

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## The Child Guidance Clinic

Located in downtown Washington, DC, the Clinic is part of the Court Social Services Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. It is an APA accredited internship program, providing training in assessment and psychotherapy to interns and externs in doctoral programs.

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## **Client Population**

The Clinic serves adolescents who are involved in the Juvenile Justice System. The clients' ages typically range from 11 through 18. These clients present with a variety of diagnostic issues and family/environmental stressors.

The Clinic staff conducts an outpatient juvenile sex offender intervention program that requires both juvenile and parent participation. The Clinic staff also conducts group and individual competency restoration interventions.



#### <u>Training Program</u>

Training objectives include a focus on the following:

- Assessment
- Individual Therapy
- Group Therapy and Counseling
- Forensic Interventions
- Supervision
- Training and Consultation
- Ethics and Multicultural Awareness
- Research

Interns receive training in all objectives above. Externs receive training predominantly in assessment, with therapy objectives as well.

## **Supervision**

Interns at the Clinic receive a minimum of 5.5 hours of supervision weekly with licensed staff psychologists. Both individual and group supervision formats are utilized.

# **Training Opportunities**

Interns have access to Family Court Training and presentations by the Department of Behavioral Health and psychology specialists. An annual conference on psychological assessment is required and fully funded.

## **Stipend and Benefits**

The Child Guidance Clinic has three internship positions annually. Interns receive a \$34, 673 stipend. Benefits include: 10 federal holidays, leave for training and seminars, and dissertation writing time. No health insurance is provided.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION**

Candidates must be enrolled in a doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology. All formal course work and comprehensive examinations must have been completed. Candidates must have completed two years of practicum training (1000 hours).

NOTIFICATION: The Clinic Complies with APPIC established deadlines.

