



The Superior Court of the District of Columbia was established by the United States Congress in 1970 as the trial court of general jurisdiction for Washington, DC. It is a service-oriented organization that provides efficient, impartial and accessible resolution of disputes and other legal matters.

DC Superior Court's Family Court division resolves family and juvenile matters. Family Court's Social Services Division (CSSD) was established in 1972 and is DC's juvenile probation agency. CSSD provides intake, supervision, delinquency prevention, clinical services, and specialty court programming for youth and their families.

The Child Guidance Clinic (CGC) is a branch within CSSD. Its core functions are to provide clinical services to court-involved youth and to assist the Court and its stakeholders in making decisions throughout the juvenile case process. CGC provides information and recommendations to the Court through the use of various psychological assessment, diagnostic, and intervention methods.

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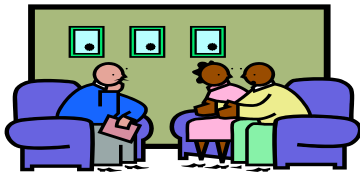
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The Child Guidance Clinic (CGC)

CGC is located in the H. Carl Moultrie courthouse in Judiciary Square in downtown Washington, DC. CGC has an APA accredited internship program, as well as full-year and summer externship programs, that offer training in assessment and psychotherapy.

Questions regarding the CGC internship program's accredited status should be directed to:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
American Psychological Association
750 1st Street NE, Washington, DC 20002
Phone: (202) 336 5979
Email: apaaccred@apa.org
Web: www.apa.org/ed/accreditation

Client Population

CGC provides psychological services to youth involved in the juvenile justice system in DC. The youths' ages typically range from 12 to 18. These clients present with a variety of diagnostic issues and family and environmental stressors.

CGC interns conduct court-ordered juvenile psychological, psychoeducational, psychosexual, violence risk, competence for trial, and neuropsychological evaluations in court, community, and detention settings. Interns facilitate sex offense treatment, competency remediation, and group and individual therapy with court-involved youth. Interns also provide individual and group psychotherapy and intakes with young community adults through a required minor rotation with Howard University Counseling Services (HUCS). Thus, interns have exceptional and unique opportunities to provide culturally-informed services to diverse adolescents and young adults.

Psychology Internship Program

CGC prepares interns for generalist professional practice with concentrations in forensic psychological practice and assessment. Training objectives of CGC's internship program include:

- Assessment
- Intervention
- Individual and Cultural Diversity
- Ethical and Legal Standards
- Supervision
- Consultation and Interdisciplinary Skills
- Research
- Professional Values and Attitudes
- Communication and Interpersonal Skills

Intern Training Opportunities

Interns receive training and seminars at CGC on psychological assessment, psychotherapy, forensic evaluation and intervention, psychopharmacology, diversity, professional development, ethics, and more from CGC staff, guest speakers, external specialists, national organizations, and more. Interns also attend seminars on group therapy and intakes through the minor rotation at HUCS. CGC interns attend an annual national conference on assessment with HUCS interns and CGC staff.

Supervision

Interns receive at least 5 hours of supervision weekly with licensed staff psychologists. Externs receive at least 3 hours of supervision weekly with staff psychologists and interns. Both individual and group supervision formats are utilized.

Intern Stipend and Benefits

CGC has three internship positions annually. Interns receive a \$38,968 stipend. Benefits include: 10 federal holidays, leave for training and seminars, and dissertation writing time. No health insurance is provided.

Intern Qualifications and Application

Candidates must be enrolled in a doctoral program in clinical, counseling, or school psychology. All formal course work must be completed prior to internship. Comprehensive examinations must be completed prior to the application deadline. Dissertation proposal must be approved prior to the ranking deadline.

This internship site complies with APPIC guidance for deadlines and agrees to abide by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant.

To apply, candidates submit an APPI application, a cover letter, three recommendation letters, a redacted evaluation report, and a redacted treatment summary.

Internship candidates should have at least 100 hours of assessment experience. Candidates who have completed at least 15 comprehensive psychological evaluations are preferred. Candidates should have completed two years of practicum training (1000 hours); however, CGC recognizes that accrual of hours may have been impacted by COVID-19. Candidates with fewer than 1000 hours may address it in their application cover letter.

For further information about CGC and its programs, please visit:

<https://www.dccourts.gov/services/juvenile-matters/child-guidance>

APPIC Site Profile (Site # 1747)
<https://membership.appic.org/directory/display/564>

