



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 re-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.

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Located in downtown Washington, DC, the Clinic is part of the Court Social Services of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. It is an APA accredited internship program, providing training in assessment and psychotherapy to externs and interns in doctoral programs. There are five full-time, licensed psychologists, three interns, and a Deputy Clerk.

Training Program

Training objectives include a focus on the following:

- Assessment
- Individual Therapy
- Group Therapy and Counseling
- Supervision
- Training and Consultation
- Ethics and Multicultural Awareness
- Research
- Juvenile Competency & Restoration
- Sex Offender Treatment

Interns receive training in all objectives above. There are two tracts for externs; one focuses on the assessment objectives and the other on therapy objectives.

The Clinic staff conducts an outpatient juvenile sex offender intervention program. It requires both juvenile and parent participation.



Client Population

The Clinic serves adolescents who are involved in the Juvenile Justice System. The client's ages range from 08 through 18. These clients present with a variety of diagnostic issues and family/environmental stressors.

Supervision

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

Training Opportunities

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

Stipend and Benefits

There are openings for three interns at the Child Guidance Clinic, each earning a \$22,000 stipend. Benefits include: 10 federal holidays and leave for the assessment conference. 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.