



Denver Children's Advocacy Center

INTERN DESCRIPTION

Title: Child and Family Therapist Intern -

Reports To: Amy Bell- Child and Family Therapist or Emily Murphy – Bilingual Child and Family Therapist

Degree Requirements: Pursuing a Masters degree in Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, or related degree program with appropriate foundational knowledge to begin seeing clients in individual therapy.

Time Commitment: Two semesters or three quarters for a minimum of nine months. At least 15 hours per week at DCAC. Must be available to see clients at least one evening (until 7PM) to accommodate clients' schedules. Ideally would be available in person on Thursdays from 11AM to 12PM for clinical meetings/ group supervision.

The mission of Denver Children's Advocacy Center is to prevent abuse, strengthen families and restore childhood. DCAC serves children who have been sexually abused, physically abused, neglected, or traumatized by witnessing violence. We are one of 19 child advocacy centers in Colorado providing friendly, family-supportive services in one central location, or close by. Our goal is to ensure that every child in Denver and neighboring counties who has been traumatized by sexual abuse, or by witnessing homicide or domestic violence receives immediate, compassionate and effective investigation, assessment and, if needed, mental health treatment. DCAC is committed to providing services, along with a broad network of community partners, to all communities and populations in Denver. We are committed to the ongoing work of providing quality and culturally-responsive services to children and families of all backgrounds and identities

General Responsibilities:

It is the responsibility of all DCAC employees to support DCAC's mission and goals, to respect the confidentiality of all who come to us for assistance, and to personally maintain the dignity and integrity of one who is placed in a position of public trust. We all bear the responsibility of improving the organization, communicating openly, empowering each other to excel at our work and to dedicate ourselves to inclusivity.

Summary of Position

The Child & Family Therapist Intern provides essential support for the Assessment and Treatment Program of DCAC to ensure a continuum of therapeutic services for children ages 3 to 17 who have been sexually abused, physically abused, neglected, or traumatized by witnessing violence. The focus of this position is to provide support and therapeutic services to child victims of trauma and to their non-offending caregivers.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Conduct initial clinical assessments for clients and non-offending caregivers.
- Develop treatment plans for the clients and non-offending family members.
- Implement appropriate, evidence-based, therapeutic interventions for clients and non-offending family members.
- Attends meetings, trainings, and workshops pertinent to therapy services as directed by supervisor
- Maintain an active caseload of at least ten clients.
- Maintain case files and progress notes.



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- Assist therapists with day-to-day tasks including maintaining a clean, healthy, and safe environment for clients by cleaning up after client therapy sessions, therapy waiting rooms, and restocking supplies as needed.
- Participate in support services meetings with families, staff, and other professionals.
- Develop and maintain positive working relationships with other members of DCAC staff and programs.
- Maintain communication with all members of the multi-disciplinary team and assist with coordination of services as needed.
- Assist staff with administrative duties as requested.

Qualifications:

- Bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred
- Ability to tolerate numerous interruptions throughout the day
- Knowledge of child development, child abuse and the effects of child abuse
- Cultural awareness of the needs of diverse populations
- Excellent oral communication skills
- Must pass a background check