VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (VCBH)

VCBH is part of the Ventura County Health Care Agency’s integrated public health care system which includes Ventura County Medical Center, Santa Paula Hospital, Ambulatory Clinics, Public Health, Emergency Medical Services, and the Medical Examiner’s Office.

The Ventura County Behavioral Health Department provides a system of coordinated outpatient services to meet the mental health and substance abuse treatment needs of Ventura County. Services are delivered from regionally based Behavioral Health Centers for children and families, adolescents, transitional aged youth (ages 18-25), adults, and seniors. Specialized services are also provided in partnership with city and county agencies, courts, local law enforcement, schools and community-based coalitions.

MISSION

As an integrated component of the County Health Care system, the department’s mission is to promote resiliency, recovery, and hope for our clients and their families by providing services which are client and family-focused, accessible, culturally competent, age-appropriate, cost-effective, and outcome driven.

VALUES

- Respect – for diversity, the individual, and each other
- Excellence – achieved by personal and organizational accountability
- Leadership – through innovation and collaboration
- Integrity – evidenced by unquestionable ethics, open and timely communication
- Commitment – to proven, high quality care

MSW INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The VCBH MSW Internship Program is dedicated to providing a comprehensive training opportunity in public mental health. The internship includes a wide range of exposure to clinical experiences in assessment, intervention and case management. MSW students will work within an integrated, multi-disciplinary, community based behavioral health system. We take pride in the design of our program which provides comprehensive clinical experiences, excellent supervision and supplemental seminars and conferences.
LOCATION ASSIGNMENT: Internship positions are available in both the Adult and Youth & Family Divisions. Clinic sites are located throughout the County of Ventura. Students are assigned to a specific program within the VCBH system in collaboration with the student’s educational institution. This assignment is based on program availability, educational interests and the clinical training needs of the student.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERNSHIP:

**Youth and Family Division**
- Youth and Family Outpatient clinics with locations in Simi Valley, Santa Paula, Fillmore, Oxnard, Ventura, and Thousand Oaks
- Juvenile Justice Facility (located in Oxnard)
- Phoenix Schools (located in Camarillo and Moorpark)

**Adult Division**
- Adult Outpatient clinics, locations: North and South Oxnard, Santa Paula
- EPICS Program (located in Oxnard and Camarillo)
- Older Adult Mobile Program (located in Ventura and Thousand Oaks)

SUPERVISION: MSW Interns receive a minimum of 1 hour of individual supervision. All MSW Field Instructors are Licensed Clinical Social Workers employed by the department. The primary supervisor oversees the student’s caseload and provides ongoing supervision during the year. Additional individual or group supervision may be provided, as needed and/or available, by other licensed clinicians. Every supervisor meets the regulations for clinical supervision per the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

TRAINING: Training is an integral component to our program. Training in evidence based practices and other clinical topics are provided to staff at various times during the year to augment professional development. Students are invited to participate in this training throughout the year. In addition, students participate in training within their specific programs in the form of case consultation and treatment team meetings.

TIME COMMITMENT: The internship begins in September on the first Wednesday after Labor Day and requires an academic year commitment (September – May). MSW Interns must commit to a minimum of 16 hours per week. Internship hours are during regular clinic hours which are typically Monday – Friday 8:00am – 6:00 pm.

TO APPLY: MSW students are referred to our department by the schools’ field placement coordinators. Interested applicants then contact the Internship and Workforce Development Manager to identify available locations that fit with the student’s clinical training interests. Students’ application information is provided to the appropriate field instructors to schedule interviews. After interviews have been completed the Internship and Workforce Development Manager submits the Agency Response form to the schools. Following the final match by the school the students will receive forms to complete the required background clearance before the internship position is finalized.

Please submit the VCBH application form, resume, and a cover letter via email, fax or mail to: Carla Cross, LMFT, ATR-BC, Internships and Workforce Development Manager, VCBH
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