



MSW/MFT Training Program Child and Family Focus 2022-2023 Training Year

ABOUT THE AGENCY AND SETTING

The Guidance Center has been providing quality mental health services since 1946. Formerly known as The Greater Long Beach Child Guidance Center, the agency was founded by a group of local public school teachers and counselors who were concerned about the mental health needs of children with behavior and learning problems in school. A relatively small clinic for many years, the agency became affiliated with the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and Miller Children's Hospital and moved its offices to the grounds of the Medical Center.

During the past 15 years, the agency enjoyed considerable growth and increased the number of programs, clients served and community-based locations significantly. Between 1995 and 2001, The Guidance Center grew from a relatively small clinic in Long Beach with a satellite office in San Pedro, to a major community mental health service provider employing more than 150 mental health professionals, support staff, administrators, and interns. Today, The Guidance Center provides services to children and families from three sites within Long Beach and its surrounding communities. In addition to a large outpatient center in downtown Long Beach, The Guidance Center has operated a clinic in San Pedro since 1977 and a clinic in Compton since 1998. The Guidance Center also has provided outpatient services in Avalon, on Catalina Island, since 2001.

The Guidance Center is a major contract agency, providing specialty mental health services for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and also works closely with the Long Beach and Paramount Unified School District (providing on-campus mental health services at over 40 schools), and the County Departments of Children and Family Services and Probation. System-wide, clinicians and interns provide thousands of hours of clinical assessment and treatment services monthly, including diagnosis, crisis intervention, individual, collateral, group, and family psychotherapy, individual and group rehabilitation services, case management, in-home and school-based services, intensive service programs for children and adolescents, psychiatric evaluation and medication services, outpatient substance abuse treatment, and psychological testing. Clients include children from 0 to 18 years and/or parents/caretakers, who are from a broad spectrum of lower and middle income households, with cognitive, emotional, interpersonal, behavioral, school, and family problems. In terms of ethnicity, The Guidance Center clientele are approximately 62% Hispanic origin, 24% African-American, 10% Anglo-American, and 2% Pacific Islander. The Guidance Center has a 70 year history of providing full scope mental health services to the most disadvantaged families within the greater Long Beach area.

Multidisciplined clinical staff and interns work closely with parents, school personnel, allied agencies, and other resources to address each child's difficulties in a professional and coordinated

manner. All staff clinicians are state licensed, or otherwise qualified mental health professionals, in one of California's major mental health disciplines. In addition to doctoral psychology internship training, The Guidance Center serves as a training site for MSW and MFT interns and doctoral psychology practicum students from local programs. The agency is licensed by the State Department of Health Services as a Psychology Clinic.

Training Experience:

Students receive direct clinical experience providing individual and family therapy, conducting initial diagnostic assessments, and offering case management to children ages 0-18 and their families. Students will also learn about completing DMH paperwork, utilizing outcomes measures as clinical tools, and working on a multidisciplinary team.

Stipend:

MFT and MSW students are considered non-exempt, temporary, part-time employees of The Guidance Center and are paid \$15/hr. This is subject to change depending upon agency budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, in which case students would not receive a stipend.

Minimum Practicum Requirements:

1. 20 hours per week.
2. Commitment from August 31, 2022 through May 31, 2023.
3. Required to be on site either the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9-11am or one Friday per month for 1 hour TBD for training. (Other requirements are specific to each site. Please see below.)
4. All practicum students are required to attend orientation. Therapy practicum students attend documentation training and orientation from 9am-5pm (most days) on August 31, September 2, September 7, September 9, and September 12. Additional days may be needed.

Application Procedures:

- Email resume and cover letter to Kendra Bailey, Ph.D. (kbailey@tgclb.org).
 - **MSW students:** In March, your school will notify you of an interview with us. Interviews will be conducted in April and decisions will be submitted to your university by May.
 - **MFT students:** Submit your materials by February 18, 2022. Interviews will be held late February through early March and decisions will be made by mid-March 2022.

Positions:

1. **Compton Clinic: One MFT position.** Team meetings and group supervision occur Thursdays and would require your attendance.
2. **Long Beach Outpatient Program: One MSW position.** Team meetings occur the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9-11am. Group supervision occurs every Wednesday from 11am-1pm. Attendance to both team meetings and group supervision is required.

For general inquiries you can reach the Program Manager of Training, Kendra Bailey, PhD, at kbailey@tgclb.org.

General Information:

***Supervision.**

- One hour of individual supervision with an approved supervisor.
- Live supervision or audio/visual recordings of sessions are required.
- Two hours of group supervision/case conference each week.

***Training.**

- Monthly continuing education seminars are available the 1st Wednesday of each month from 9-11am.
- Didactic trainings are available for one hour TBD on some Fridays.
- Attendance to one training opportunity per month (either the continuing education seminar or didactic training) is required.

***Additional Benefits.**

- Six total days of leave time (inclusive of school breaks, vacation, professional leave) may be taken for the duration of the training. Trainees are given three paid sick days.
- Mileage reimbursement for travel to and from client's home or school site.
- Computer, work space, and therapy materials.

***COVID-19 Information.**

- All interviews for 2022-2023 training year positions will be conducted via Zoom.
- We are currently providing both in-person and telehealth services, depending on client need. Practicum students will be expected to deliver services wherever is clinically indicated (e.g., home, field, office, school, telehealth) following agency and local safety precautions. PPE will be provided to practicum students by the agency. We are hopeful that we will have returned to providing primarily in-person services by the 2022-2023 training year, but will continue to follow local guidelines.

Please note: Due to agency insurance policies and DMV requirements, and because practicum students are expected to deliver mental health services in the field (requiring driving), practicum students who match with The Guidance Center must obtain a valid California driver's license prior to the start of the training year. Further, to ensure that safe driving is a priority, practicum students must maintain the following: a valid driver's license that is neither suspended nor expired; have no more than 3 minor driving violations and/or accidents combined within the last 3 years; no major driving violations within the last 5 years. Practicum students must also have sufficient vehicle insurance coverage and pass a background/fingerprinting check. All employees (including practicum students) must be vaccinated against Covid-19 in accordance with applicable law. TGC will evaluate requests for exemption in accordance with applicable law.