



Training/Internship Opportunity at Kidango: Early Head Start & Head Start of Santa Clara & San Benito Counties

Kidango is a private, non-profit agency providing various services to children and their families including mental health services for children 0-5 and their families.

For more information on Kidango: www.kidango.org

One of the organizations Kidango works with is the Head Start program in Santa Clara County. Head Start is a federally funded preschool program for low-income families.

For more information on Head Start: <http://www.sccoe.org/depts/headstart>

General Program Description:

- ❑ Our population consists of children 0-5, their families, and their teachers/caregivers.
- ❑ It is a highly diverse population and our services are provided throughout San Jose as well as Mountain View, Gilroy, & Hollister.
- ❑ Weekly supervision and training are provided by licensed clinicians to meet the requirements of your program.
- ❑ Various additional professional training opportunities are available throughout the year.
- ❑ This is an unpaid practicum/internship at this time (Interns/trainees will be reimbursed for driving miles).

Services Provided:

The main components of services provided include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ❑ Providing child/family therapy via home based interventions
- ❑ Providing classroom/teacher consultations and support regarding social emotional development and mental health needs of children and families
- ❑ Conducting social skills groups in the preschool classroom
- ❑ Providing parent workshops/training
- ❑ Additional opportunities may include completing developmental screening assessments, co-facilitating teacher training sessions, working with; children with special needs, inclusion classrooms, and with First 5 Santa Clara as well as collaborating with various Head Start staff (ex. Family Advocates) and other providers.

Minimal Requirements (Days/Hours):

- ❑ The position entails a MINIMUM of two full days per week = 16 hours
 - Breakdown is as follows: 8-10 hours of direct contact/services in the classroom, 4 hours supervision/training, 2 hours administration work). The position may include up to 5 days per week.
- ❑ Typical hours would include anywhere from 8am to 7pm (depending on cases, no longer than 8 hours/day).
- ❑ The position requires a MINIMAL commitment from mid-August to the end of May but can be extended to the end of July. (Note that there are several weeks of holidays throughout the year).
- ❑ The required day for training/staff meetings is to be determined.

Additional Information:

- ❑ The position does require driving to families' homes and various classrooms.
- ❑ We strongly encourage bi-lingual speakers (Spanish & Vietnamese) to apply (This is not a requirement).
- ❑ Spanish speaking students residing in South County/Hollister area would have a unique opportunity to work closely within a small & collaborative community.

If you'd like to apply for the program please send the following materials to the below address:

1. A cover letter (stating your interest in working with this population and any experience you have that would be relevant to the position).
2. CV
3. 2-3 recommendation letters (with contact names and phone numbers for reference checks).
4. Filled out employment application from Kidango available at: www.kidango.org

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Applications will be reviewed through the end of March (with possible extensions). Interviews will be scheduled accordingly for applicants demonstrating a strong desire to work with this population. Thank you for your interest, we look forward to hearing from you.