



Unpaid Training/Internship Alameda County 2010-2011

Kidango serves 2,500 children in our quality preschool, school age, infant care, Head Start, early intervention, mental health and family child care home education programs.

Our Mental Health program is currently accepting applications for trainees and interns. This program serves the children and teachers in our Kidango classrooms, offering a variety of services.

General Program Description:

- The Kidango mental health consultation program is funded by First 5 of Alameda County and various Head Start and Early Head Start programs within Alameda County.
- Our population consists of children 0-5, their families, caregivers and teachers.
- Trainees/interns will learn a successful model of mental health consultation within early childhood settings.
- Trainees/interns will have the opportunity to offer individual and/or family therapy, as well as create and facilitate therapeutic play groups for children.
- Trainees/interns will receive weekly group and individual supervision by a licensed clinician to meet all program and licensing requirements for hours worked. Trainees/interns will also receive training in addition to supervision.
- This is an unpaid internship, however trainees/interns will receive reimbursement for any miles driven.

Services Provided:

- Consultation services to teachers in classrooms.
- Consultation to families within the classroom.
- Therapeutic/social skills group for children.
- Providing parent and staff trainings.
- Providing child/family therapy via home based, or classroom based interventions.
- Additional services may include but are not limited to: completing developmental screenings, collaborating with outside agencies, working with children with special needs.



Position Requirements:

- Trainees/interns must be currently enrolled or graduated from a Master's level program.
- Available during day time hours (8am-7pm not to exceed 8 hours in one day) Monday-Friday.
- Schedules are flexible for the exception of group supervision. Trainees/interns will work with their supervisor to determine a schedule that works for everyone involved.
- Trainees/interns must have 10-16 hours per week to devote to this internship.
- Trainees/interns must be willing to commit to this internship from July-June.
- This position requires driving to various sites in Alameda County, as well as to the homes of families and children.

Additional Qualifications;

- Bi-lingual (Spanish/English) applicants are strongly encouraged to apply, however this is not a requirement.

If you would like to apply for this internship please send the following materials to the address below:

1. A cover letter stating your interest in this internship program and any relevant experience you have to the work of this position.
2. A resume.
3. 1-2 letters of recommendation.

Kidango Mental Health Department
Attn: Debbie Lignell, LMFT
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Applicants will be reviewed and contacted for interviews through the end of April (with a possible extension).

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Debbie Lignell, LMFT
Lead Mental Health Consultant
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