CCAPP Practicum Opportunities
Substance Use Treatment Services

About FCS

Family & Children Services of Silicon Valley (FCS), a division of Caminar, has been strengthening families and changing lives in Santa Clara County since 1948. The division has a staff of more than 140, which is primarily composed of marriage and family therapists, drug and alcohol counselors, social workers, case managers, and family violence prevention facilitators. Annually, more than 16,000 children, teens, and adults benefit from FCS’s counseling, prevention, and support services.

Caminar, headquartered in San Mateo, offers services in San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, San Francisco, and Butte counties. The nonprofit organization has a budget of $43M.

About Our Substance Use Treatment Services

FCS is the largest provider of outpatient treatment services for adults in Santa Clara County and the only provider offering the full ASAM continuum of outpatient services.

The program has a reputation for effectively piloting innovative treatment models and approaches. Recent innovations have included Continuous Recovery Monitoring, Intensive Outpatient Treatment, and Open Access. The latest addition to the program is the Supportive Transitional Empowerment Program (STEP), which brings services into the jail and then partners with adults to prevent relapse as they transition into the community.

Our counselors use evidence-based treatment curricula and models; conduct assessments using the ASAM; participate in ongoing training and professional development opportunities; collaborate with clinicians in the agency’s other programs (especially Medi-Cal Mental Health, domestic violence offender treatment, parenting education, and LGBTQ programs); and work closely with other professionals involved in a client’s case.

Practicum Description

Competencies required for alcohol/drug counseling include the TAP 21 Competencies, which also include the 12 Core Functions: screening, intake, orientation, assessment, treatment planning, counseling, case management, crisis intervention, client education, referral, reports and record keeping, and consultation with other professionals.
Interns will work toward completion of 255 hours of onsite field practicum as part of our SUDS program. Interns will begin with exposure to a lower level of care through our outpatient treatment services and upgrade to exposure to a higher level of care through our intensive outpatient treatment services.

Our program is best for potential interns who are available Monday through Friday during regular business hours and evenings. If you are working full-time and seeking weekend hours, another program will be a better fit for your needs.

**Eligibility/Requirements**

Enrollment in a CCAPP approved program working toward completion of 315 hours of approved education and ready for practicum experience.

**Learning Benefits include**

- Supervision by highly experienced counselors.
- Diverse range of clinical issues, including trauma and co-occurring disorders.
- Opportunities to conduct counseling in other languages (following testing of proficiency).
- Diverse client population builds cultural competence.
- Knowledge of resources available for clients in the county.
- Understanding of criminogenic issues and serving clients involved in the justice system.

**Application Process**

Please submit a resume, with preferred phone and email contact information, to

Attention: SUTS Clinical Program Coordinators
info@fcservices.org

Following a phone screening, potential candidates who meet program criteria may be invited for an in-person interview.

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**Our Mission**

To empower and support individuals and families to move toward resilience, wellness, and independence.