The Mental Health Clinical Practicum Overview

Eligibility:
This placement is for students in a Master’s Level MFT/MSW/LPCC program who are ready to begin practicum.

Program Components:
- Approximately 20 hours per week.
- 10 to 12 teen and child clients, seen weekly in afternoon/evening hours.
- 30 to 40 hours of introductory training starting in the first week of September.
- Wednesdays are the primary day of training and supervision. Must be present from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Unique and relevant clinical trainings, offered most Wednesdays.
- Mandatory assessment and diagnosis to help build clinical skills.
- FCS is a Medi-Cal contractor, so you will see clients with a range of severity (e.g., socio-economic challenges, child custody issues, suicidality, psychosis).
- This placement is a great fit for someone who is looking to work with kids/teens/families, but may prefer a clinic setting over a school setting.
- The program is based at FCS’s 950 W. Julian Street location in San Jose.

Benefits include:
- Weekly group and individual supervision.
- Access to two part-time psychiatrists who work collaboratively with therapists and come to staff meetings
  Rotation of highly experienced on-site group supervisors, for exposure to different styles.
- Diverse range of clinical issues and exposure to a variety of other behavioral health programs (Substance Use Treatment Services, Co-Occurring Disorders, Domestic Violence Survivor and Offender Services, Child Abuse Prevention), as well as services for targeted populations, including the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing and LGBTQ youth and young adults.
- Opportunities to conduct counseling in other languages (e.g., ASL, Spanish).

Application Process
- Step 1: Submit your resume for review to Sarah Lesko, MFT: slesko@fcservices.org
- Step 2: If you are found to meet the criteria, you will be invited for an interview and facility tour with our Intern Coordinator.