

New York Presbyterian Hospital - Ambulatory Care Network
Family PEACE Trauma Treatment Center
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The Family PEACE Trauma Treatment Center (FPTTC) is an outpatient mental health service that is a National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) Category III center. The primary mission of the FPTTC is to provide high quality trauma treatment for infants, toddlers and pre-school age children with the goal of interrupting the intergenerational transmission of violence and trauma. Children ages zero to six are referred with their non-abusing caregivers where there has been exposure to domestic violence or child abuse and neglect.

Training Models

The externship at FPTTC provides trainees with the opportunity to train in two evidence-based, relationship-based, attachment and trauma-informed models of treatment: Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) and Attachment, Self-Regulation, and Competency (ARC). CPP and ARC both seek to re-establish safety for the family, address the psychological impact of trauma, improve the quality of parent-child attachment, improve parent and child capacity for self-regulation and conflict-resolution, and restore normative individual and relational developmental trajectories.

Applicant Requirements

Applicants must be doctoral candidates enrolled in at least their 4th year of training in an APA-accredited clinical/school-clinical psychology program. There will be two externship positions available for the 12-month placement July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018. Externs are expected to work 16-20 hours per week over three days. Some prior experience in one or more of the following areas is preferred: early childhood development and mental health, trauma treatment, play therapy, parent-child therapy, domestic violence. Bilingual skills (English/Spanish) are preferred but not required.

Training Experience

Externs will conduct Intake Assessments, provide CPP treatment to a minimum of 4 child-parent dyads, provide adjunctive trauma-informed individual psychodynamic therapy to adult caregivers, and provide ARC treatment to 1-2 latency age siblings of referred early childhood patients.

Supervision

Externs will receive at least 4 supervision hours per week. Licensed clinical psychologists will provide individual supervision, group supervision, and weekly didactic seminars. The Clinical Director, who is a nationally endorsed CPP trainer, will conduct training in CPP. Externs will participate in weekly team disposition and case conference meetings and will additionally have the opportunity to attend community trainings on such topics as early childhood mental health, domestic violence, and child welfare.

Application Process

Interested applicants should email their CV and Cover Letter as a single email, and forward 2 Letters of Reference to Externship Coordinator Dr. Marni Fried at map9250@nyp.org