PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

Psychology Externship Training Program

Early Childhood Psychology Rotation

2027-2028

Children's Hospital Colorado/University of Colorado School of Medicine offers a psychology externship training program in Early Childhood Psychology. In this track, the extern would gain experience in evidence-based parent-child focused interventions to address early childhood mental health concerns with children ages 1-5 and their caregivers in the outpatient setting as well as teacher-child focused interventions for children ages 3-5 in an early childhood education setting serving families experiencing poverty (Head Start Programs). Treatment modalities in the outpatient setting may include training and exposure to Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and more time-limited adaptations of PCIT including Parent-Child CARE (PC-CARE). Externs may have the opportunity to pursue certification in PC-CARE and/or PCIT during the year long experience. Externs may also gain training and exposure to Teacher-Child Interaction Training (TCIT), an adaptation of PCIT for the school setting, in Head Start Programs working directly with teachers and students. Externs will also gain exposure to behavioral parent training in telehealth, group format delivered to families of children ages 3 to 5 in Head Start Programs. Opportunities for program development, quality improvement, and ongoing research on TCIT and group-based behavioral parent training will be available to interested externs. We encourage inquiries and applications from all qualified individuals. Please see the requirements below.

Number of Positions: 1

Time Commitment: 20 hours per week (2, 10-hour days)

- Required - Mondays: 9am-7pm
- Choice - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays: 8:30am-6:30pm

Dates: August 2, 2027 – May 31, 2028

*Please note: MANDATORY ORIENTATION is held during the first week of the externship.

*End date may be flexible based on supervisor and training director approval.

Requirements:

- be enrolled in at least the 3rd year of an APA-accredited Doctoral Program in Clinical, Counseling, Clinical Health, or School Psychology (must be at least a 2nd year at the time of application)
- have completed coursework in child and/or adolescent assessment and treatment
- have experience with child and/or adolescent assessment and treatment
- have proof of malpractice coverage: must be provided by the extern's training institution or by the extern
- be available to start the externship on June 21, 2027

**Those applicants selected for externship will be subject to drug screening and criminal background checks (there may be associated costs so speak with your program as these fees are not covered by CHCO). Unacceptable results on the criminal background check or drug screening will result in dismissal from the program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

A completed application consists of the following materials:

1. Cover Letter
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. 2 letters of recommendation
4. Attestation of Professional Conduct
5. Extern Application Face sheet

Emailed by *February 1, 2027* at *5pm* to the following:

Children's Hospital Colorado

Children's Hospital Colorado Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
13123 E 16th Ave, B130, Aurora, CO 80045, 720-777-6200 | childrenscolorado.org

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1. CHCO Psychology Training Program email
   Email: CHCOPsychTrainingprogram@childrenscolorado.org
2. If you have questions, please email Kelbie Burdis-Beers, Operations Coordinator
   Email: Kelbie.Burdis-Beers@childrenscolorado.org

Recruitment Timeline

February 1, 2027 @ 5pm:	Application deadline (early submissions encouraged!)
February 4-19, 2027:	Interviews scheduled (early interviews available with early, complete submissions)
March 4, 2027:	Positions offered (prompt confirmation of acceptance/declination requested)

Supervision

Supervision is developmental, with opportunities to shadow, co-facilitate, and then lead sessions with the supervising psychologist. Externs have 2-3 hours of weekly individual and group supervision. Additional supervision and consultation will be provided as needed. In addition, Spanish speaking externs are provided with Spanish supervision.

DUTIES OF PSYCHOLOGY TRAINEES

Psychology externs provide direct clinical care to children, adolescents, and families under the supervision of a licensed psychologist to children ages 1-5 and their caregivers in the outpatient setting as well as teacher-child focused interventions for children ages 3-5 in an early childhood education setting serving families experiencing poverty (Head Start Programs). Externs are expected to work part-time at twenty hours per week to gain both a range and depth of experience. Externs are required to be at CHCO on Mondays from 9am-7pm for didactic training, supervision, and to provide after school hours for therapy appointments. The second day is for the extern to choose; however, a consistent second day for training in the morning from 8:30-12 at the Head Start location for TCIT training and additional clinical experience and supervision at CHCO in the afternoon throughout the training commitment is preferred for continuity of training experiences. These duties are subject to change to meet the needs of the department and as training opportunities arise. Externs document all clinical contacts in the electronic medical record within 24 hours of contact, and their notes are co-signed by their supervisor. Externs must complete all hospital required background checks, training, and orientation activities.

Services provided

This externship placement provides students with the opportunity to work in a regionally and nationally prominent pediatric health care facility affiliated with the Anschutz Medical Campus and the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Type of clients served on this externship

Children ages 1-5 and their caregivers served in Children's Hospital Colorado Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science. Patients are representative of the Denver Metropolitan Area.

General Information:

Supervised by: Shannon Savell, PhD, Allie Morford, PhD, & Barunie Kim, PhD

Theoretical Orientation: Evidence-based treatment with a significant focus on PCIT and TCIT

Supervision format: Individual; Group

Ratio of hours (supervision to clinical hours): 1:4

Number of psychology trainees on site: 10-12 postdoctoral fellows, 7 psychology interns, 15-20 field placement externs

Number of hours/week externs work for this rotation: 20

Pay: None

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