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PRACTICUM / TRAINEESHIP PLACEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION SUMMARY:

St James Infirmary Mental Health Services offers a one-year training program for counseling psychology and social work graduate students gaining internship hours towards graduation. The orientation of the program and clinical supervision includes trauma-informed depth psychology, somatic psychology, liberation psychology, transpersonal psychology, EMDR and IFS-informed care. We encourage trainees to develop and practice from their own clinical orientation and interests. We specialize in serving transgender, NB/GNC, queer, and racially and ethnically diverse participants, people with HIV, as well as populations affected by substance use, systemic oppression, incarceration, homelessness, and poverty. All of our services are 100% free to the communities that we serve. We offer both in-person services and telehealth to best meet participants where they are at. We refer to the individuals we serve as participants, rather than clients or patients.

ABOUT ST JAMES INFIRMARY:

The mission of the St James Infirmary is to provide free, compassionate and nonjudgmental healthcare and social services for current and former sex workers of all genders and sexual orientations. We are a peer-based community clinic and provide strengths-based harm reduction therapy services.

DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES:

- * Maintain a full participant load of 5 individuals or couples
- * A one-year commitment is required
- * Attendance at weekly clinical individual or triadic supervision
- * Attendance at a monthly staff meeting
- * Willingness to work with participants outside the office providing light case management services as needed
- * Timely AVATAR documentation including progress notes for all direct services, an initial Adult Strength and Needs Assessment (ANSA) and initial Treatment Plan of Care
- * Willingness to participate in diagnosing
- * An enthusiasm for developing your clinical skills and critical self-exploration of internal views that affect the clinical relationship
- * Attendance at one annual staff retreat and in-service days

MENTAL HEALTH INTERNS AT ST JAMES WILL RECEIVE:

- * Up to 5 supervised hours per week of face to face experience providing individual counseling, group counseling, couples counseling, care management and health education.

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- * Weekly clinical supervision with Corrie Varga LMFT, addressing clinical, theoretical, diagnostic, ethical/legal, human development, case conceptualization, cultural, documentation, and scientific issues relevant to integrated mental health treatment. Coaching on all aspects of becoming a licensed therapist available, from exam preparation to developing your personal niche, to building a business.
- * Specialized training in transgender cultural competency and completing assessments for surgery access in accordance with WPATH
- * The ability to make your own schedule within clinic hours: 9am-8pm Mon-Fri
- * Training and experience in Avatar documentation and Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA)
- * Experience working on a multi-disciplinary team and in collaboration with onsite medical and social services staff
- * Regular trainings in a variety of clinical issues and techniques based on your interest
- * If clinically appropriate for the participant, you may take participants with you if you choose to go into private practice or another agency following graduation
- * Prioritization for paid positions at St James Infirmary following graduation

EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE:

- * Enrolled and in good standing at an academic institution pursuing a graduate degree in Psychology or Social Work
- * Current or former sex workers, candidates of color, transgender candidates, bilingual/bicultural candidates, and HIV-positive candidates strongly encouraged to apply
- * Computer and technological literacy, including working with word, excel, and online platforms; operating a copy and fax machine; answering a personal google voice number to communicate with participants

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

- * This position is primarily located at our headquarters at 1089 Mission Street, 2 blocks from Civic Center BART in San Francisco's SOMA neighborhood. We recommend familiarizing yourself with the area before applying. Our therapy suites are not currently ADA accessible.
- * A laptop computer will be provided for you to conduct telehealth services

HOW TO APPLY:

Please submit a thoughtful cover letter explaining your interest in St. James Infirmary and a mental health career. Email your cover letter and resume to corrie.varga@stjamesinfirmary.org. Please write your name and the title for this position (“Your Name – Mental Health Intern”) in the subject line of your email. Incomplete applications will not be considered.