

2024-2025 School-Based Trauma-Focused Training with Children and Adolescents at DePaul Family and Community Services

In the 2024-2025 academic year, DePaul Family and Community Services will offer a full clinical externship/internship in school and community-based services with children and adolescents exposed to chronic stress and/or trauma. This experience will include:

Group Therapy and Consultation

Program: Group therapy (and consultation) using a dyadic and junior version of Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS) that includes a focus on advocacy and activism
Population: 6th-8th graders exposed to chronic stress and/or trauma and their mentors
Supervision: Weekly group and in vivo supervision

Individual and Family Therapy

Program: Individual and family therapy at Chicago Public Schools and/or DePaul Family & Community Services
Population: Children and adolescents exposed to chronic stress and/or trauma
Supervision: Weekly individual supervision

Two tracks are available to externs/interns:

Clinical Track:

Two days of group and individual therapy at Chicago Public Schools
One day of individual and family therapy at DePaul Family & Community Services

Community Track:

Two days of group and individual therapy at Chicago Public Schools
One day of advocacy, activism and consultation with community schools or organizations

Weekly Schedule

This is a 25 hour per week externship/internship. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Tuesdays or Thursdays, 2:45-6:30 p.m., are required hours that include supervision, training, and group work at partner schools. You will have flexibility in determining the timing of the remaining 12 hours (within a Monday-Friday schedule).

Candidates from underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

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