2023-2024 MSW Externship with Children and Adolescents
at DePaul Family and Community Services

About DePaul FCS:
DePaul Family and Community Services strengthens and empowers families and communities through innovative, evidenced-based, community-oriented services and the training of culturally competent, socially responsible professionals. FCS provides comprehensive and quality behavioral health services to children, adolescents, their families, and their communities. Located on DePaul University’s Lincoln Park campus in Chicago, FCS serves families who live in Lincoln Park, other Chicago and Chicagoland areas, and existing partnerships with neighboring Chicago Public Schools.

Externship Program Description:
During the 2023-2024 academic school year, DePaul Family and Community Services will offer a practicum placement for MSW second-year/advanced-standing graduate students interested in working with children and adolescent populations. This program will include clinical experience with providing individual and family therapy at a Chicago Public School and/or DePaul Family and Community Services. Some common areas for treatment include depression, anxiety, chronic stress and/or trauma.

MSW Students will have the opportunity to gain experience conducting mental health assessments, conceptualizing diagnosis, and providing individual and/or family therapy. Spanish speaking students are strongly encouraged to apply.

Externs receive individual supervision by a bilingual Licensed Clinical Social Worker and the possibility of group supervision, dependent upon the number of externs for the year. Externs will have the opportunity to participate in weekly in-service trainings at DePaul FCS, generally scheduled on Wednesdays from 10 AM-11 AM.

Requirements:
- Must have completed first-year MSW practicum placement
- 20 hour/week commitment with one day designated to being onsite at a Chicago Public School and flexibility with the remainder of the hours at DePaul FCS

Preferred Background:
- Spanish language fluency

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