

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site Missouri Alliance for Children and Families (MACF)

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

The Care Manager provides ongoing case management for a designated group of client families. Tasks include responsibility for Family Support Team facilitation, development of individualized care (treatment) plans, coordination of individualized services across all settings, coordination of providers working in the home, school, and community environment, documentation of support related activities and services.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

Practicum students will shadow and assist in the following tasks while under supervision:

- Learn and assist in utilizing the Wraparound process
- Attend Family Support Team meetings
- Assist in Creating individualized care plans
- Assist in the completion of thorough initial client and family assessments.
- Contribute ideas regarding permanency goals, necessary services
- Attend court on the cases that we manage
- Meet with children and their caregivers in their placements and in the community
- Assist in providing supervised visitation
- Attend Family Support Team meetings
- Participate on related Care Management teams
- Participate in Case Reviews of client case load
- Orient new youth and families to the Alliance

Assist in creating crisis intervention plans and contribute ideas for implementation
Support family connections through use of family search and engagement techniques

Type of population with which students would be working (e.g., adults, adolescents, children, physically challenged, cognitively challenged, etc.):

Our clients are children between the ages of 6 -21 years that have experienced severe trauma. Most have severe behaviors. A large percentage of our clients are also learning or developmentally disabled.

Our Students

Undergraduates

Our undergraduate students typically are juniors and seniors with 17-35 credit hours in Psychology. There are exceptions. If you have any special requirements for students who apply at your practicum site, please describe them.

No additional requirements are necessary.

Graduate Students

Our graduate students are students at the end of their first year or sometime during their second year in the clinical track of our graduate psychology program. These students need direct service contact with clients, and also need weekly supervision from a licensed mental health professional. Is your site interested in working with our graduate students?

Yes

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

Days and time of days on which you need practicum students: M-F 8am – 5pm

Is this a paid practicum? Yes _____ No X

If yes, what is pay rate? _____

What length of commitment (e.g., semester, three months, six months), do you expect from the student?

Minimum of 1 semester

Application Process

What is the preferred application process (e.g., email/mail resume/schedule an appointment)?

Schedule an Interview

Please provide any other information that would be useful in helping our students to make more informed choices.

MACF is a Foster Care Case Management organization that is contracted by the State and Children's Division to oversee care and services of children who are placed in the custody of the state of Missouri. When Children's Division identifies that a child's case is high risk or high needs they will often refer the case to MACF in an effort to make progress where Children's Division was not able. These cases identified as "difficult cases" are referred to us either because the child has been in a residential facility for an extended period of time, or due to extreme behaviors and the need for additional services. Our goal is to help step the children out of residential care and into a community placement within 120 days and to work toward permanency in the child's life within 180 days.

Thank You!

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Thank you for your help in working with our students.

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