



Graduate Mental Health Therapist Internship

Department: Therapy

Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center's (WCCAC) mission is to provide hope, healing, and justice for children and families impacted by abuse, violence, and exploitation in our community. We envision a community where children grow up safe and free from abuse. From the environment we create to our expertly trained staff, we strive to reduce the emotional trauma for children and their non-offending family members.

Transform Lives and Make a Lasting Impact

By joining the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center as an Intern, you have the unique opportunity to be at the forefront of transformative change in the lives of children and families facing challenging circumstances. At WCCAC, your expertise and compassion will contribute to creating a safe, supportive environment where healing and hope thrive.

Here, you're not just taking on an internship; you're becoming a part of a dedicated team that strives to break the cycle of trauma and build brighter futures for our community's most vulnerable members.

In this role, you'll witness the profound impact of your work as you help children regain their confidence, rebuild their lives, and find their voice. The center's holistic approach to care ensures that your contributions are integral to a broader mission of advocacy, justice, and recovery. If you are passionate about making a tangible difference and eager to work in an environment that values both your professional skills and personal commitment, WCCAC offers an unparalleled opportunity to do so.

Core Values

The culture of the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center is built on our shared core values – Compassion, Integrity, Community, and Vision.

The WCCAC serves children who have experienced trauma and their nonoffending caregivers in Williamson County. As a non-profit agency, we work collaboratively with law enforcement and CPS in the investigation of child abuse. The Clinical Services Department provides assessment and therapy to victims of abuse and domestic violence and supports the non-offending caregivers of these children and adolescents.

Children and Adolescents Served:

We work with children as young as 3 and as old as 18. We serve families representing all ethnicities and from all socioeconomic backgrounds. Most of the children whom we serve have been sexually abused. We also work with some children who have been physically abused, families of domestic violence, and children who have witnessed some other interpersonal violence (suicide or homicide of a parent or family member). Not all the children whom we serve have been traumatized, though the experience of abuse is most often negative in its impact. Some children exhibit sexualized behavior, some are depressed, and many exhibit symptoms of post-traumatic stress. Research also indicates that 34-45% of the children served by CACs have thoughts of suicide or engage in non-suicidal self-injury.

Services Provided:

The 70 Children's Advocacy Centers in Texas, and more than 950 CACs nationwide, operate under specific accreditation standards. The standards related to mental health services include use/provision of evidence-based assessment measures and therapeutic modalities. The evidence-based modalities offered at WCCAC include but are not limited to: Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Problematic Sexual Behavior Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (PSB-CBT), and Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI). Graduate student interns can expect to gain experience with these modalities, as well as general therapeutic techniques and processes.



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The Therapist Intern will work under the supervision of licensed clinical staff to support the delivery of trauma-informed mental health services to children and families served by WCCAC. This internship provides graduate-level students with the opportunity to gain practical experience in clinical assessment, therapeutic intervention, and case coordination in a multidisciplinary, child-focused setting. The Intern will learn to apply best practices in trauma treatment and advocacy for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or other traumatic events.

This position is ideal for graduate students pursuing a master's degree in counseling, Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, or a related mental health field. It is designed for individuals seeking supervised clinical hours toward licensure who are committed to child advocacy and passionate about supporting the mental health and well-being of children and families.

Position Type: Therapist Intern (unpaid)

Reports To: Intern Supervisor

Base of Operation: 1811 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown, Texas (Travel within Williamson County)

Availability: Fall, Spring and Summer Internships

Hours: Flexible Schedule: minimum 20 hours per week during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 6:00pm depending on availability or need, with some after-hour events and classes.

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a Master's program in mental health field (Counseling, Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, Psychology) that is board accredited (CACREP, CSWE, etc).
- Commitment: two-semesters
- Eligible for internship placement through an accredited university or clinical training program
- Coursework in therapy and assessment/diagnostics.
- Must be open to learning and using evidence-based practices.
- Strong interest in trauma-informed care and child advocacy.
- Ability to work with children and families from diverse backgrounds.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, and documentation skills.
- Bilingual fluency in Spanish and English not required but is a definite plus
- Must pass a background check and complete required confidentiality and abuse reporting trainings.
- Ability to handle confidential information with integrity and professionalism.
- Excellent time management and communication skills.
- Interest in nonprofit operations and child advocacy.
- Reliable transportation

Job Responsibilities:

- Conduct intake interviews and preliminary assessments of child victims and non-offending family members
- Provide individual, family, and group counseling to child victims and non-offending family members under supervision. Assist in developing treatment plans tailored to client's needs
- Maintain accurate and timely case notes and records
- Participate in clinical case discussions and feedback sessions with WCCAC staff and MDT partners.
- Attend supervision meetings regularly
- Adhere to ethical standards. Show cultural sensitivity and trauma informed awareness in all interactions
- Advocate for clients and promote mental health awareness
- Participate in regular supervision and case consultations with licensed clinicians.



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- Collaborate with multidisciplinary team members, including forensic interviewers, case workers, and law enforcement.
- Support crisis intervention and safety planning as needed.
- Assist with events
 - Fall: *Holiday Market & Purse Bingo, Turkey Drive*
 - Spring: *Justice 4 Children, Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month, Red Poppy Ride*
- Summer: *Back to School Drive*
- All other duties as assigned

Physical Requirements:

- Must be mobile and able to bend, stoop, reach, and moderately lift (up to 30 pounds)
- Must be able to sit/stand at a workstation and/or a computer screen for up to 2 hours at a time

Reasonable Accommodations Statement: *To accomplish this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform, with or without reasonable accommodation, each function satisfactorily. Reasonable accommodations may be made to help enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the functions required.*

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