



Background:

The Olmsted County BRIDGE Collaborative is working to foster communication, cooperation and long-term planning and vision building among parents and agencies serving the needs of families and children. The Collaborative exerts its work through five work group areas: School-based Mental Health, Two Generational Efforts, Behavioral Health/Crisis Intervention, ACEs, and Early Childhood. The Early Childhood Workgroup of the BRIDGE Collaborative has determined a need to increase the capacity of mental health providers serving children birth to five in Olmsted County. Through pulling together a focus team of providers across agencies, a strategy of developing a shared internship cohort for early childhood mental health providers ensued.

Overview:

To encourage more professionals to enter the field of early childhood mental health within Olmsted County, a cohort internship model in which interns spend time across agencies with both group and individual supervision has been developed. A stipend of \$1,000 per intern will be available from the Olmsted County BRIDGE Collaborative. Additionally, a \$500 stipend from BRIDGE Collaborative will be available for interns to attend a DC 0-5 training. Stipends will be paid 50% at the start of the internship and 50% upon completion. Due to the nature of this shared internship experience, host agencies policies on intern compensation may differ. Each host agency will decide whether their intern(s) will receive additional compensation.

Intern Requirements:

- Commit to a minimum of 20 hours/week for at least 6 months: 8 hours client contact at host agency, 5 hours meetings/paperwork, 7 hours structured learning opportunities at partner sites
- Complete online HIPPA training and provide verification of completion
- Attend DC 0-5 Training
- Participate in group supervision

Internship Expectations:

- Interns will be expected to deliver in-home services working with children and families with mental/chemical health concerns, of all socioeconomic statuses, and in situations of foster care/adoption/child maltreatment.
- Interns must have reliable transportation.
- Interns must pass a background check.
- This opportunity will offer a wide variety of experiences through various agencies.
- This opportunity is a first step toward becoming competent working in early childhood mental health.
- Panel interviews will be held on February 23 and April 20, 2018.
- If selected, applicants must provide proof of professional liability insurance at start of internship.

Applications should be submitted to bridgeecmhinternship@gmail.com in a single PDF file. Applications will be accepted between January 8, 2018 and April 13, 2018. If you have questions regarding this opportunity, email bridgeecmhinternship@gmail.com.