

The Tree House Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of Montgomery County Maryland is pleased to offer **Psychological Externships** for the 2020-2021 term. We provide both forensic and clinical services to children and families who have experienced child abuse and/or neglect. Our staff includes a forensic interviewer, pediatrician with a child abuse specialty, victim advocate, psychologists, social workers and other support staff. As part of the CAC model we work closely with our partner agencies that include Child Welfare Services, The Office of the State's Attorney, The Office of the County Attorney and the Special Victims Unit of the Montgomery County Police.

The Tree House has a robust training program which includes individual supervision, group supervision, didactics, attendance at our multidisciplinary team meetings and community outreach opportunities. Students will be involved in phone screenings, intakes, risk assessments, debriefings after forensic interviews, and therapy. Students will work with children ranging from 2 years through 18 providing direct, individual therapy as well as parent training, sibling therapy and family therapy.

The mental health department values evidence based treatments and offers a variety of different approaches including Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI), Problematic Sexualized Behavior Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (PSB-CBT) and Alternatives for Families Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AF-CBT). Students will primarily be trained in TF-CBT but will have the opportunity based on interest and experience to learn or be exposed to some of our other approaches. Opportunities also exist to take part in research activities and grant writing. Externs are expected to work two full days (16 hours) with at least one evening. Thursdays are a required day so that externs can attend staff meetings and MDT meetings. The start date for this externship is July 6, 2020 with a mandatory 3 day trauma training and orientation through July 10, 2020. Externs are then allowed to take vacation time in August as needed and within reason. Externship ends June 30th, 2021. We are located in Rockville, MD (a suburb of Washington, DC). If interested, please email or fax a cover letter, CV, and list of three references to Dr. Stephanie Wolf at Stephanie.Wolf@montgomerycountymd.gov. The application deadline is February 8th, with interviews expected to occur in mid to late February.