Psy.D. Clinical Placement Site Information

Name of Site: Mid-Atlantic Children’s Services/ Mid-Atlantic Psychological Services

Population/Specialty: Children, Adolescents, and Child and Adult Forensic populations

Primary Externship (Clinical) Activities Individual therapy, group therapy, and assessment in the office, as well as, in DC Charter School System; Forensic experiences is available at the Alexandria Office for More Experienced Externs (3rd or 4th year with prior testing experience)

Positions Available 2 masters level and 2 doctoral level beginning in August 2018 and Ending in June 2018 (Orientation begins the second or third week of August and the placement ends at the end of the third week of June due to the schedule of the DC public school system. Should have taken or enrolled in at the time of placement in the following courses: cognitive assessment, group therapy, and personality assessment courses.

Application Requirements (i.e., letters of recommendation, deadlines, etc…): sample report, and CV (received by March 16, 2018).

Externship Requirements/Experiences (i.e., days required, dates of inclusion, didactics, psych associate status): _two half days and Fridays for supervision; we also have monthly didacts_

Type/names of assessments used: WAIS IV, WISC V, WJIV, Rorschach (Exner scoring), House/Tree/Person, Conner’s, BASC

Type and frequency of supervision (i.e., individual, group, weekly): weekly individual and group supervision (one hour for each)

Supervisor’s Qualifications (e.g., licensure): Dr. Christopher L. Bishop Licensed Psychologist DC, MD, and VA; Dr. Lauren Williams Licensed Psychologist MD, and DC

Primary Supervisor Name, Email and Phone: Christopher L. Bishop, cbishop@mid-atlanticservices.com, (240) 297-9857

Name of Training Director: Dr. Charla McKinzie-Bishop
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Date form completed: 1/27/18
Mid-Atlantic Children’s Services, Inc. Practicum Profile

Company Overview

Mid-Atlantic Children’s Services Inc. (MACS) is a company that services children and families throughout the Washington D.C. metropolitan area since 2003. MACS is well known for integrative and thorough diagnostic assessments that assist in the treatment and understanding of students’ strengths and weaknesses. Our assessments help in the identification of the most appropriate educational service for each child. In addition, MACS takes an integrated approach that incorporates culture in a diagnostic manner. MACS is a private for profit practice that engages in evidenced based psychological practice, the highest standard of care in the field of mental health. MACS is also a teaching practice, as services are provided by not only licensed professionals, but graduate therapists-in-training, under the supervision of our senior staff of licensed clinical psychologists.

MACS corporate headquarters is located at 4700 Berwyn House Road, Suite 206 in College Park, Maryland. Since our founding, we have successfully performed a wide range of psychological support services through a variety of cooperative relationships with private firms, as well as local and federal government agencies. Over our eleven-year history of providing psychological assessments, evaluation, and consultation services, Mid-Atlantic Children Services, Inc. has grown from a single employee to an organization with licensed psychologists, therapists, counselors, behavioral staff, and evaluators.

The Training Program

The training program is designed to provide psychological services to underrepresented populations in the Washington D.C. schools. The theoretical approaches are based on psychodynamic theory, and incorporate africentric practices. Students engage in providing psychological testing and counseling to middle and high school students. The student is expected to provide two half days of clinical work and a mandatory all day Friday for individual, group, and testing supervision, as well as, ground rounds and monthly didactic seminars. Prior to the commencement of the academic year, there is a week-long orientation in August that prepares students to provide service to their clients. There are also opportunities to provide services at the private practice, based on the student’s training needs. The requirements are 16-20 hours per week depending on the student’s progress in their training program.
MACS Philosophy

This is the symbol of life transformation. This symbol combines two separate adinkra symbols, the "Morning Star" which can mean a new start to the day, placed inside the wheel, representing rotation or independent movement. SESA WORUBAN represents the philosophy of Mid-Atlantic Children's Services, Inc. The quality of services in conjunction with an Afrocentric approach is geared towards a positive life transformation that will assist all clients from diverse backgrounds to strive for achievement and excellence.

MACS Staff

Christopher L. Bishop, Psy.D., LCSW-C is the CEO of Mid-Atlantic Children’s Services & Mid-Atlantic Psychological Services, and is a licensed psychologist and licensed clinical social worker in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. He earned his Master's and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Hartford (Hartford, CT). He also earned his Master in Social Work at Howard University (Washington, D.C.). In addition, he received his Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and African-American Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo (Amherst, NY). He is a Board Certified Clinical Supervisor approved by the Board of Social Work in Maryland. He is most known for his skill in providing psychological testing and
counseling to children and adolescents. His specialties are clinical, school, and forensic psychology.

Charla McKinzie Bishop, Ph.D., M.S.ed., is the Director of Training for MACS. She is also an Assistant Professor of Child and Adolescent Studies at Bowie State University. She received her doctoral training in Applied Developmental Psychology from Fordham University in New York City with a background in educational assessment of children and adolescents. Dr. McKinzie Bishop also has a Master in Counseling from Fordham University, as well.

Keyona Thomas-Kelly, Psy.D., LCPC is the Clinical Supervisor of Assessment and is a licensed professional counselor. Dr. Thomas-Kelly earned her doctorate at Argosy University. She has also earned her Master's in Counseling Psychology at Argosy University (Arlington, VA). She also received her Bachelors of Arts in Psychology at Georgetown University (Washington D.C.). Dr. Thomas-Kelly’s clinical work has included working in the area of substance abuse with those who are dually-diagnosed, as well as those with severe legal histories, in both residential as well as correctional facilities. Her work has also included working with adults who suffer from severe and persistent mental illness, children and adolescents identified with significant behavioral concerns and learning disabilities, as well as community-based counseling with children, adolescents, and adults.

Lauren E. Williams, Psy.D. is the Clinical Supervisor of Treatment. She earned her Masters and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at The George Washington University (Washington, D.C.). She also received her Bachelors of Science in Psychology from The University of Maryland (College Park, MD). Dr. Williams specializes in providing individual and group therapy services to children and adolescents with significant behavioral and emotional difficulties. She has extensive experience in psycho-educational testing and developing and implementing behavioral plans. Dr. Williams also provides therapy to children with learning disabilities, helping them adjust to the school setting.

Damon A. Silas, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. He earned his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at The George Washington University (Washington, D.C.). In addition, he received his Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from Howard University (Washington, D.C.). He is most known for his skill in providing psychological counseling to children and adolescents. His specialties are clinical and school psychology with extensive experience working with children and adolescents with learning and emotional disabilities, as well as with military children and families.

Latoya N. Bendolph, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area and is a consultant for MACS. She earned her Master’s and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Hartford (Hartford, CT). In addition, she received her Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from the University of Maryland (College Park, MD). Her
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work with adults, children, adolescents and their families has been in community mental health clinics, alternative placement schools, after-school programs, and juvenile detention homes. Dr. Bendolph has extensive experience working with children and adolescents with a variety of diagnoses and much experience in testing with a variety of populations.