



San Francisco Department of Public Health

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South Van Ness Adult Behavioral Health Services (HIV & Gender Programs) is seeking second year MFT and MSW Interns for the 2022-2023 school year!

Location:

755 So. Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94110

Field Instructors:

MFTs - Zachary Davenport LMFT, zachary.davenport@sfdph.org, 628-256-8051
MSWs - Lily Singh LCSW, lily.singh@sfdph.org, 415-642-4510

Program Description:

South Van Ness Adult Behavioral Health Services (SVNABHS) is a specialty outpatient clinic under the San Francisco Department of Public Health. SVNABHS provides services under two programs: HIV and Gender. Our clinic serves people living with HIV and Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Nonbinary people. We offer intake assessments, weekly individual psychotherapy, clinical case management, crisis intervention, support groups, and psychiatric medication assessment and management. For therapy clients in the Gender Program, we also provide pre-surgical assessments for gender affirming surgeries. Services are provided in English and Spanish. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, services are currently provided through hybrid of in-person at our clinic in the Mission District and telehealth (Zoom and phone).

Client Population:

We serve San Francisco residents who receive Medi-Cal health insurance or do not have insurance. Specifically, we specialize in working with people living with HIV and with people who are Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Nonbinary. Within these two communities, we serve many clients who are People of Color, monolingual Spanish speakers, immigrants, experiencing housing insecurity, low income, and people who have fallen out of care. Many clients present with histories of trauma, anxiety, depression, substance use, complex health issues, grief and loss, and social isolation.



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Clinical Supervision:

Interns receive one hour of individual and two hours of group clinical supervision weekly. Zachary Davenport LMFT and Lily Singh LCSW will oversee interns, based on student's degree track. Additional support provided by LMFTs and LCSWs on our team.

Training:

SVNABHS staff will provide training on topics such as Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, gender affirming care and pre-surgical assessment, Unlearning Racism, Mindfulness, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Group Facilitation, intake assessment and diagnosis, treatment planning, crisis assessment/suicide prevention and safety planning, clinical documentation, HIV prevention and care coordination, HIV and Gender resources, psychiatric assessment and medication management, and more.

In addition, interns may attend our team's monthly group consultation and a monthly Gender Consultation Group offered by Gender Health SF. Interns are invited to attend a weekly 2-hour didactic training is led by the BHS Internship Coordinator on Wednesdays 9am-11am. Interns also have access to online trainings provided by BHS, some of which are required for all staff and interns to complete. Topics include Harm Reduction, Motivational Interviewing, Overdose prevention, Risk assessment, Trauma-Informed Systems, etc. Interns will also have access to trainings provided by the HIV Frontline Organizing Group.

Intern Responsibilities:

Our internship program is 20-24 hours per week, Wednesday through Friday depending on student's class schedule and program requirements. Interns will complete orientation process, didactic trainings, weekly individual supervision, group supervision and attend staff meetings. Interns will be assigned 5-8 clients that they will provide individual psychotherapy and clinical case management services to, and complete required clinical documentation. Interns will also complete intake assessments with new clients twice monthly and complete intake documentation. Interns may have the option of co-facilitating a support group alongside a seasoned clinician, and have the chance to plan support group topics, facilitate groups, complete documentation, etc. Interns may also support clients in crisis, working with seasoned clinicians to utilize assessment tools, create safety plans, and coordinate with outside crisis services as needed. Due to COVID-19, interns may work a hybrid schedule of both on-site and telecommuting. During any intern shift, clinical supervisors Zachary Davenport LMFT and Lily Singh LCSW will be the first point of contact for support and emergencies, then Program Director Melissa Friedman LMFT, then the Duty Officer of the day (all licensed clinicians). Interns may also have the opportunity to create or assist with special projects, as determined by intern's interests and skills and program need.



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Benefits:

Students may be eligible through your school for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) stipends. Please direct inquiries to the school. Interns may apply for a multicultural stipend available from Community Behavioral Health Services primarily for students committed to working with underserved groups. The award ranges from \$2,000 to \$4,800 and is not guaranteed.

Desired Qualifications:

We are seeking individuals with a passion for community mental health, and with experience in providing therapy/counseling and case management services. As we are a specialty program, we seek to connect with interns who have experience or are eager to learn about working with people living with HIV and Transgender/Gender Nonconforming/Nonbinary people. We strive to engage staff and interns who reflect the populations we serve. As such, students who identify as queer or transgender, bicultural/bilingual Spanish speakers, and People of Color, are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application Process:

If you are interested in applying, please first check with your school regarding rules of contacting perspective internship sites. With your school's consent, you can send a cover letter and resume to Zachary Davenport and Lily Singh by 5 PM on March 15, 2022. We will be scheduling interviews in early April 2022. Our internship program will accept 1-2 second year MFTs and 1-2 second year MSWs for the 2022-2023 school year.

For more information, please contact our Field Instructors:

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