



**Job Title:** Associate Early Childhood Mental Health Clinician (Paid Internship)

**Job Type:** Part- Time

**Hourly Pay:** \$27 - \$30 DOE

**\*Must have a current associate license with CA BBS: AMFT**

**Overview:**

We are seeking a dedicated and compassionate **Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT)** to join our preschool team and provide therapeutic support to young children. This position is designed for a professional who is passionate about supporting young children and their families through therapeutic services. The ideal candidate will have a strong passion for early childhood mental health and a commitment to fostering a nurturing space for children and families.

**Essential Functions:**

- Works directly under the Clinical Supervisor and/or Senior Program Director.
- Provide individual and group therapy sessions for preschool-aged children to address emotional, behavioral, and developmental challenges.
- Evaluate the developmental and social-emotional needs of children through observation, consultations with teachers and parents, and developmental screenings.
- Provide parents and caregivers with effective tools and support to foster their child's emotional and behavioral growth at home.
- Advocate, as appropriate, for the rights of the children with Special Needs and their families.
- Collaborate with teachers and other school staff to implement positive behavior management strategies in the classroom.
- Organize and facilitate workshops on mental health topics for parents and childcare providers across various agency departments.
- Maintain accurate, confidential, and up-to-date clinical records in compliance with ethical guidelines and state regulations.
- Participate in team meetings and provide consultation to staff on child behavioral and emotional needs.
- Attend supervision meetings and participate in ongoing training opportunities.
- Ensure timely completion of case documentation in line with Neighborhood House Association (NHA) standards.

**Qualifications:**

- Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT), Psychology, or a related field.
- Active registration as an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT) in the state of California.
- Experience working with young children, preferably in a preschool or early childhood setting.
- Knowledge of child development and effective behavioral interventions.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills to collaborate with children, families, and multidisciplinary teams.



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- Ability to maintain a compassionate and patient approach while addressing emotional and behavioral concerns.
- Willingness to adhere to ethical standards and stay current with professional development.
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse cultural population. Bilingual in English and Spanish is highly desirable.
- Availability to fulfill internship hours as required by the program.
- Additional Requirements: Must be able to pass background check.
- Current Health Screen (Required)
- TB Clearance (Required)
- Proof of MMR, Tdap and flu vaccines (Required)

### **Physical Demands:**

- Frequent Bending and Kneeling: Engaging with young children often requires getting down to their level, which involves a lot of bending, crouching, kneeling, and even sitting on the floor.
- Sitting in Small Chairs or on the Floor: Preschool settings often have child-sized furniture, which means you may spend a lot of time sitting in low chairs or on the floor, which can be challenging for posture and back comfort over time.
- Lifting and Carrying: You may need to lift or carry children occasionally, whether to help them with physical tasks or provide comfort and support.
- Moving Between Classrooms and Activity Areas: Clinicians may move between different rooms or areas, such as playgrounds, classrooms, and quiet spaces, to observe children or conduct sessions, which can involve prolonged standing and walking.

### **Education and Qualifications:**

Master's degree in psychology or a related field. Must hold a current California BBS Associate License (with registered license number).

### **Operating Responsibility:**

Must interact with agency employees at all levels in a personal and respectful manner. Requires excellent communication skills to represent the agency in a professional manner. Confidentiality is of major importance for this position in dealing with private information on the daily operations of the agency. Must present a positive attitude and work independently.

### **Contacts:**

Has contact with all levels of agency employees as well as external contacts partners, sponsors and other non-profit executives.

### **Working conditions:**

Works in a pre-school environment. Occasional travel required. Must have a vehicle, current CA driver's license and proof of insurance.