

## **Doctoral Psychology Child/Adolescent Externship Program**

### **Program Description:**

The Child/Adolescent Externship Program at the Wake Kendall Group PLLC (WKG) is designed for advanced doctoral students in psychology who have prior clinical experience and who have completed the majority of their coursework. It provides externs with the opportunity to further build their skills in the theory and practice of cognitive behavioral therapy with children and adolescents. Limited testing opportunities may be available for interested and qualified advanced doctoral students.

WKG is a well-established group private practice in Washington, DC, that treats children and adolescents presenting with difficulties related to AD/HD, anxiety, depression, and behavioral symptoms. The Child/Adolescent Externship Program enables WKG to offer lower cost services to those in need. Currently, we are allowing space for one extern to join our team for the 2026-2027 year. Externs will be provided a stipend of \$2250 dollars to assist with transportation costs and in recognition of their dedication to client care. \*You must be registered as a Psych Associate with DC in order to begin to receive the stipend.\*

### **Qualifications:**

Graduate-level coursework in child development and assessment is expected. Prior experience with young children is valued but not required. Preference will be given to advanced doctoral students (e.g., rising 3rd year and above). Prior assessment experience and strong writing skills are highly valued.

### **Direct Provision of Clinical Services:**

Externs typically carry a caseload that requires 6-8 hours per week of direct clinical services that are delivered in person. The weekly time commitment is approximately 12 hours. Externs typically see clients on two days of the week and commit to at least one later evening in the office if needed by clients. Case assignments are based on extern availability, interest in a particular case, and demands for lower cost services. Externs work mainly with children, and occasionally adolescents, in individual treatment. Also, externs may have opportunities to sit in on groups and various consultations that are offered as part of employment at WKG. Given that the bulk of the clinical work is with children, sessions are conducted in person out of our offices in Washington, DC (with flexibility for virtual, if needed, by families located in DC).

### **Supervision & Consultation:**

Supervision of cases will be provided in accordance with school requirements. Externs will be provided with individual supervision based on their current client load and individual needs. At a minimum, externs receive one hour of formal individual supervision from a licensed clinician with specialization in child/adolescent/family therapy. In addition, externs will participate in

WKG case consultation meetings twice per month, and a child therapy consultation group once per month. WKG's "open door" policy provides additional opportunities for externs to request consultation on particular cases from any member of WKG.

### **Staff Meeting & Seminar Series:**

Externs and the clinical staff enjoy lunch (provided by WKG) during our bimonthly WKG Case Consultation meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. This group provides opportunities for externs to review their clinical work in a professional forum, hear other clinical cases, and to receive group input. In addition, externs are exposed to the inner workings of a private practice and the treatment of individual cases by other staff members. Our Lunch and Learn (Continuing Education) series is held throughout the year on eight separate occasions (scheduled during the WKG Case Consultation meeting time) and provides learning opportunities for all WKG staff on various topics that are applicable to our clinical work (for example Ketamine therapy, eating disorder treatment, etc). **Externs must be able to attend in person on Tuesdays and will work with one of the WKG partners to determine a second day that works for the extern and WKG office schedules.**

### **Application Process:**

Please submit the following materials to apply for our Child/Adolescent externship:

1. Cover letter expressing your personal interest in CBT with children and adolescents at WKG.
2. Most current Resume or Curriculum Vita with your clinical and academic experiences.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation.

Materials should be emailed to **Courtney Conn, Ph.D., [cconn@wakekendall.com](mailto:cconn@wakekendall.com)**

### **Deadline:**

- Please email all the above information by **Friday January 9th, 2026**. Interviews will be held in January and February and externship offers will be extended by March in accordance with Greater Washington Clinical Psychology Programs Council Externship Guidelines.