**Pediatric Psychology Externship at PSV**

**Description:** Advanced Externship positions are available in Pediatric Psychology for the 2018-2019 clinical training year at the Pediatric Specialists of Virginia (PSV). PSV is a physician led outpatient medical practice that is a joint venture between Children’s National Medical Center and Inova. Our behavioral health team serves 14 different medical specialty groups within PSV, with a heavy focus with endocrinology, gastroenterology, neurology, developmental pediatrics, and hematology/oncology.

Potential experiences are as follows:

1. **Outpatient psychotherapy with children/adolescents and their families.** Typical caseload is 6-10 weekly patients and 1-2 consultations per week. Common referral issues include difficulty adjusting to medical diagnosis, poor adherence to medical regimen, pain management, school avoidance, anxiety, depression, parent-adolescent conflict, and family communication difficulties.

2. **Consultation, education, and counseling with families of children newly diagnosed with diabetes or other chronic conditions.** This includes addressing the impact of being diagnosed with a life long illness and assisting the family with behavioral strategies for managing illness.

3. **Co-leading behavioral and psychosocial groups for youth with type 1 diabetes.**

4. **Consultation and short-term behavior therapy and/or CBT to help address functional abdominal pain and associated anxieties.**

**Didactics:** Externs may attend multidisciplinary diabetes team meetings and behavioral health case conferences. Externs may arrange to attend other multidisciplinary team meetings based on interest area.

**Qualifications:** Prior practicum experience in child or adolescent therapy is required. Exposure to other medical settings is also desirable but not a prerequisite.

**Time Requirements:** 16 hours/week. Available days for externship include Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. One day externship opportunities may also be available.

**Number of positions being offered:** 2

**To Apply:** Please email a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and two letters of reference to: Jessica Parrish, Ph.D. at [jparrish@psvcare.org](mailto:jparrish@psvcare.org) by **February 9, 2018**

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