The Center for Child & Family Health (CCFH) is dedicated to restoring the normal development—and ensuring the future success—of children who are at risk for, or who experience maltreatment and trauma. Our mission is to enhance the lives of children and families affected by trauma and abuse. We fulfill this mission through a coordinated, integrated system of exemplary clinical service, professional education, outreach, and policy initiatives.

Our vision at CCFH is that all children in North Carolina will grow up in a healthy, nurturing environment free of trauma and abuse. We work to enhance family and supportive relationships that are critical to a child’s physical, social and mental health. We are committed to alleviating the effects of abuse, trauma and other disruptions of a child’s healthy development.

We do this by:

- providing direct services to children and their families
- conducting and disseminating research advocating for effective public policies and practices, and
- assisting other communities in replicating our collaborative approach

In recent years, the Center has served an average of over 1,800 clients across North Carolina and trained over 1,100 professionals across the country, annually. Psychiatric evaluation, mental health evaluation and treatment, legal support, family support and parent education services are all under one roof, helping prevent children and families from “falling through the cracks.” The lynchpin of this service is the Center’s unique community collaboration, which creates synergy from shared resources and working together toward common goals. CCFH works closely with county Departments of Social Services, Public Schools, Rape Crisis Centers, Departments of Mental Health, and Departments of Public Health and Law Enforcement. Additionally, all services are customized to meet the specific needs of children and families.
**INTERN TRAINING GOALS**

CCFH seeks to provide interns with clinical training experience consistent with the scientist-practitioner model of graduate education, with a particular emphasis on child trauma. Specifically, CCFH is committed to the use of evidence-based treatments (EBTs) to target a variety of mental health concerns for children and families impacted by violence, abuse, neglect, or disaster. Clinically focused interns will be expected to learn and practice at least one evidence-based-prevention/intervention model. These will vary depending on the supervisor with which interns are matched. Macro-focused interns will also gain exposure to the EBT models offered at CCFH.

Our overall goal is to train culturally competent graduate level interns capable of assuming professional roles in a variety of multidisciplinary settings, including academic medical centers, community mental health centers, and school wellness programs.

CCFH is also committed to providing interns with direct individual and treatment model specific group supervision, equipping them with skills and experience necessary for providing families with competent care. All trainees will be assigned a primary supervisor to arrange individual supervision. Currently, there are also model specific supervision groups for three best practices for child trauma victims and their families including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), and Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Overcoming Chronic Stress (SPARCS). All trainees are encouraged to participate in group supervision depending on match of interests, availability of supervisors, length of rotation, and availability of cases.

In addition to direct supervision and orientation to services provided at CCFH, interns are expected to participate in our weekly Trauma Evaluation, Treatment, Research and Prevention Didactic Series. This series focuses on various treatments offered to child trauma victims and their families, but also emphasizes relevant and current topics to help provide a well-rounded trauma-focused training experience. Some topics include: Engagement Strategies, Core Concepts of Trauma, Medical Evaluation of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect, and Traumatic Grief.

Depending on availability of supervisors, we typically offer training experiences to graduate level trainees from psychiatry residency programs, psychology postdoctoral fellowship and internship programs, social work internship programs (clinical and macro), counseling internship programs, and marriage and family internship programs.
SELECTED PROCESS
We are delighted that you are interested in joining our team of interns here at the Center for Child & Family Health! We look forward to reviewing your application materials and learning about your professional interests and training goals. The CCFH internship program is competitive and requires the following application be completed and submitted electronically by **11:59pm on Sunday, January 17, 2021**. Selected candidates will be invited for interviews in late January. Final selections will be made in early February.

**Application Requirements:**
- Cover Letter
- Application
- Resume / CV

**Optional:**
- Graduate Transcript (unofficial transcripts accepted)
- Letters of Reference

All required documents must be uploaded through the online application. Letters of reference must be emailed directly to Danielle Mearis Harrell (danielle.harrell@duke.edu), CCFH Training Program Manager, no later than the application deadline. Include the subject line "CCFH Internship Program Reference." Late references will not be reviewed.

A virtual Open House will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021 from 6pm-7:30pm. Plan to attend for an opportunity to learn more about our programs and the internship experience.

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**Apply Online:** [https://www.ccfhnc.org/transformation/internships](https://www.ccfhnc.org/transformation/internships)

**Questions?** Please contact:
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