

Application Process

- Prospective students are referred by the Field Education departments of their schools.
- Completion of Community Healthlink Youth and Family Services employment application packet, which is available on our website.
- Submission of resume. This should include your undergraduate training, all clinical experience, and specialized clinical training.
- Interview. A meeting is scheduled with the Director of Social Work Training to discuss your needs and interests.

All supervisors are LICSWs and work closely with the training director and school field advisors to make sure that classroom and field experience complement each other for the intern and that the school's expectations are being met.

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A Tradition of Social Work Training

Youth and Family Services (formerly Worcester Youth Guidance Center in Worcester, and The Lipton Center in Leominster) is a division of Community Healthlink and a member of the UMASS Memorial Health Care system. We are a private, non-profit multidisciplinary agency which has been a training site for graduate schools of social work for the past seventy-eight years.

Our client population is racially and ethnically diverse, of lower socioeconomic status, and often concurrently served by the Massachusetts Departments of Social Services, Mental Health, Juvenile and Probate Courts, and other area social service agencies .

Training Rotations

Our training program typically offers a core clinical component in Outpatient Services and a rotation option in one of our more specialized programs outlined below. While it is geared to final year students in both clinical and generalist schools of social work, sometimes we can meet the needs of first year students.

Victim Services:

Provides therapy, support groups, advocacy, referral, services and outreach for victimized children and their families.

Flexible Support Services:

“Wrap around” services designed to help prevent out of home placements. Services include outreach/tracking, parent services, therapeutic recreation, case consultation, respite, and care coordination.

School-based Services:

Provides onsite (school based) treatment for students from kindergarten age through high school. Multi-systemic services include: individual therapy, parent/child counseling, consultation to school staff, and parent support education.

Burncoat Family Center:

Provides short-term residential services, respite and day treatment for youth 5-18 years of age.

Juvenile Court Clinic:

Provides evaluations of court involved youth referred by juvenile court judges and probation officers. Staff conduct forensic mental health evaluations including violence risk, fire setting, and sexual offender.

Together For Kids/Early Childhood Services:

Provides mental health consultation to early care and education programs serving children ages 0-5; short-term interventions for children and families (e.g. play therapy) and training for parents and early childhood educators on a range of issues pertaining to challenging behavior in young children. Students accepted into the two-year rotation are eligible for a stipend during the second year of placement.

Substance Abuse and Addictions Treatment to Youth:

Provides a full continuum of treatment services to youth ranging from outpatient treatment to inpatient detoxification and stabilization services and residential services. Community Healthlink was the first agency in the state of Massachusetts to be licensed to provide detoxification and stabilization treatment to youth between the ages of 13 and 17. Clinical services in each of these levels of care include intake/assessment, individual, family and group treatment. The provision of psycho-educational groups, intensive care coordination and aftercare planning are also important components of the care that is offered in these treatment settings.