



Palm Beach County
Youth Services Department
Residential Treatment and Family Counseling Division

Supervision

Individual Supervision Description

Interns receive a minimum of 2 hours of individual clinical supervision each week by licensed psychologists. This is routinely supplemented by brief and spontaneous discussions between supervisors and interns.

Supervisor Selection Standards. Minimum standards for appointment as intern supervisor are as follows:

1. Doctorate in psychology from an APA accredited institution.
2. Completion of an APPIC-member internship in clinical or counseling psychology.
3. Licensure under Florida statute as "Psychologist" or a Psychology Resident under the supervision of a licensed psychologist, with the Resident's supervision of the intern being the focus of the licensed psychologist's supervision time with the Resident.
4. Knowledge and experience in the activities to be supervised.

Term. Supervision assignments are for the duration of each rotation, with the exception of extenuating circumstances. If a supervision assignment is made after the start of the rotation, the assignment will end at the completion of the rotation.

Supervision Sessions. Individual supervision can take two forms. One of these is in-vivo supervision, with the supervisor present to coach and observe during the provision of services by the intern. The other is scheduled, one-to-one, face-to-face self-report of relevant professional clinical activities and progress toward training goals as well as review of audio/video recordings. Unscheduled supervisory consultation may be utilized as needed. Telesupervision will be utilized in conjunction with in-person supervision, depending on the locations of the supervisor and the trainee. Please refer to Telesupervision Policy for more specific information on this supervision modality.

Work Products. Supervisors review and approve intake assessment reports, genograms, treatment plans, case conceptualization/psychosocial summaries, substantive case notes, written correspondence, closing/discharge summaries, and evaluation/assessment reports. Supervisors co-sign closing/discharge summaries and evaluation/assessment reports. Trainees receive ongoing instruction/feedback on documentation and will be expected to produce documents that meet agency and professional standards. All written work products must be completed in a timely manner as determined by the supervisor, and as outlined in the intern expectations and the Documentation Manual. Refer to 'Record Keeping Guidelines' for additional information.

Recording Sessions. Supervisors require trainees to audio and/or video record evaluation or treatment sessions for supervision purposes, with the consent of the client. Audio/video recordings are used both as an assessment tool in the evaluation of client's responses within the treatment process and in the ongoing monitoring of the trainee's work. They are essential to the work of the therapist both in reflective process and in their use within supervision. If clients do not wish to sign for audio/video recordings, they are not recorded but then must be open to participating in a live supervision observation. Refer to 'Audio and Video Recording Guidelines' for additional information.



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Site Mentors. Role models are available at each rotation site, including other psychologists as well as postdoctoral fellows, staff from other disciplines (i.e., social work, mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, nursing) and non-licensed mental health staff. While not appointed clinical supervisors, these site mentors are available for counsel and instruction in their particular professional areas of competence. The individual supervisor may incorporate professional peer-consultation into a trainee's individual supervision.

Group Supervision Description

Within each six-month rotation, interns attend a minimum of 2 hours per week of group supervision with a minimum of one licensed psychologist as well as the therapists and trainees working at each site. Initial group supervision sessions may include training on various topics to acclimate students to YSD, which may include follow-up discussions on orientation content, ongoing announcements, and overviews of collaborative diversion programs. Subsequent group supervision meetings may include brief presentations from organizations funded by YSD and community partners that offer services relevant to clients served. The group will also be asked to read articles/book chapters for discussion during group supervision. Interns are expected to present and discuss therapy and evaluation cases at group supervision meetings. They are expected to bring audio/video clips to accompany their presentation. Live sessions may also be scheduled. Group supervision case presentations should include the following outlined topics. It is up to the presenter to determine the best way to cover all of the information.

Case Presentation Outline

- Question(s) to the team, reason this case is being presented
- Description of the family
 - complete genogram (ideally three generations)
 - note intergenerational trauma
 - note trauma reenactments
 - note areas of loss and change
 - cultural considerations (e.g., race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, SES, etc.)
 - sources of trauma and adversity for the family (ACES)
 - family's resiliency factors
- Presenting problem through a trauma lens from the perspective of
 - the family
 - the therapist
- Number of sessions attended
- Diagnoses considered
- Treatment goals – identify elements of Safety, Emotions, Loss, and Future (SELF)
- Course of treatment, trauma-informed interventions, and family's response to interventions
 - Integrate 7 Commitments
- A self-evaluation of your effectiveness
- Case conceptualization (consider evidence-based treatment and incorporate SELF)
- Recording of a session, cued to a relevant segment
- Reiterate question(s) to the team, reason why case is being presented