

## Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH)

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### Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

***Employment Services-*** PFH Employment services offer a variety of employment assistance to individuals with developmental, physical, mental health, Substance Use Disorders (SUD) and mental disabilities including pre-employment training, job placement and coaching, skills training and job retention. Specialized services are also available for people with traumatic brain injuries, and those who are autistic, visually impaired, or deaf and hard of hearing. PFH utilizes evidenced based practices, most specifically the Dartmouth model of Individualized Plan Supported (IPS) Employment.

***Community Services-*** In contrast to group living environments, PFH Community Services offers supported independent living for individuals with developmental disabilities throughout MO. Services may include Individualized Supported Living, community integration, and day habilitation. Personal care services for seniors and children with medical and behavioral needs are available in some locations.

***Support Services for Older Foster Youth-*** In St. Louis, northwest and southern Missouri, PFH offers various life skills and residential support services to older foster youth as they transition toward independent living. This is offered through the Children's Division CHAFEE older youth program, and is conducted through individual contact with the youth in Children's Division custody in their foster homes or independent apartments. Transitional Living Apartment is also operated for adolescent youth throughout MO.

***Treatment Services-*** In Springfield, a men's outpatient center and women's inpatient/outpatient center are available to support persons addressing co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Mental health treatment combined with SUD

counseling is provided in individual and group sessions along with case management. PFH provides services to families, and individuals through the 5 Greene County and Stone County Drug Courts; self-referral, private insurance, other system providers (Children's Division, Probation and Parole, etc.) Treatment services utilize evidenced based practices such as: Trauma Focused- CBT; Seeking Safety, Moral Recognition Therapy, CBT, DBT, and curriculum from Dr. Stephanie Covington and Claudia Black.

PFH Treatment services has also been nationally recognized for their intensive employment services combined with treatment resulting in over 85% of the referrals to employment services obtaining and maintaining employment for more than 6 months. Utilizing evidenced based practices, most specifically the Dartmouth Model of Individualized Plan Supported (IPS) Employment.

From the Springfield Campus PFH facilitates the programming of the Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) which provides in home intensive case management, mental health and SUD counseling, in home counseling for SUD, MH, child and adolescents and adult and family counseling. In addition, parenting classes and in home parenting education and modeling is provided along with Parent Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT) and the IPS employment program. RPG staff utilize evidenced based practices such as: Trauma Focused- CBT; Seeking Safety, Moral Recognition Therapy, CBT, DBT, and curriculum from Dr. Stephanie Covington and Claudia Black.

PFH offers adolescent and adult general population SUD services throughout MO, KS, AR, OK and IL.

***Springfield Partners – Foster Care Case Management & Support Services***

Springfield Partners, LLC is a consortium consisting of PFH, Lutheran Family Services, and Good Samaritan Boy's Ranch. Springfield Partners provides foster care case management services in cooperation with the Children's Division in southwest Missouri. The recruitment, training, licensing and retention of potential foster parents are also provided.

***Missouri Career Center – Workforce*** – In Springfield, Joplin, Branson, Monett, Clinton, Sedalia, and Nevada, PFH assists the unemployed or underemployed in job preparation, job search, and post-employment support. Some sites are more comprehensive, while others focus on youth. In St. Louis, through a federal grant, PFH is training veterans, displaced workers, and at-risk youth for jobs in renewable energy industries.

***Arkansas and Oklahoma*** – PFH DaySpring provides behavioral health services to children at both schools and in our 22 clinics, as well as day treatment. Decision Point, located in NW Arkansas, and Health Resources in Searcy and surrounding counties provide both out-patient and residential substance abuse treatment services. In conjunction with the local VA Hospital, we provide residential support for veterans who are recovering from substance abuse.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

See above and below. As indicated on the individualized learning plan, practicum students will meet with clients on a face-to-face basis individually and in groups as appropriate for each division, and services being provided. Services will range from counseling, direct support/case management, facilitation of group education and processing, supervised visit with foster children and their parents, conduct wraparound assessments and facilitate team meetings. Document work performed; maintain contact with supervisor, other staff and report to stakeholders and referral sources. All students will be considered mandated reporters.

Type of population with which students would be working (e.g., adults, adolescents, children, intellectual and physical disabled, mental health and SUD clients):

We serve clients through our programs who are addressing SUD, Mental Health concerns, families involved in the child welfare and Drug Court systems, traumatic brain injury, intellectual and physical disabilities and their families or guardians. Therefore, we have programs to help all ages in varying life situations and developmental stages.

## **Our Students**

### **Undergraduates**

Our undergraduate students typically are juniors and seniors with 17-35 credit hours in Psychology, Social Work, or Professional Counseling. We have also had CASIL students and students from business for task specific special projects.

If you have any special requirements for students who apply at your practicum site, please describe them.

To work with foster children you must be 21 years of age.  
Reliable transportation is also needed for all programs and insurance.  
Ability to pass background checks (federal and state).

### **Graduate Students**

Our graduate students are students at the end of their first year or some time during their second year in the clinical track of our graduate psychology program. These students need direct service contact with clients, and also need weekly supervision from a licensed mental health professional. Is your site interested in working with our graduate students?

We are always looking for committed staff. It would be a good experience for those interested in the field of psychology, Social Work, or Counseling. We have LPC, LCSW on staff to provide supervision to students.

## **Hours, Pay, and Commitment**

Days and time of days on which you need practicum students:

All hours: Our residential program are 24 hours daily. Our counseling services are offered of daily and an evening. The Foster Care component is days, evenings and weekends.

Is this a paid practicum? Not generally- but we have been able to offer occasionally offer paid practicum.

If yes, what is pay rate? Varies – counselors and community support specialists are paid on a Production Based Pay scale, Foster Care and grant staff are hourly or salary.

What length of commitment (e.g., semester, three months, six months), do you expect from the student?

As prescribed by the university: semester, or 6 months. Shorter practicums are difficult due to needed acclimation of services and training necessary to learn roles.

### **Application Process**

What is the preferred application process (e.g., email/mail resume/schedule an appointment)?

Fill out an application at 2411 W. Catalpa, Springfield, MO 65807. Attached a resume to the application. Applicants will be contacted for an interview

Please provide any other information that would be useful in helping our students to make more informed choices.

If more information is needed or if interested students have question, they can contact Darlene Harrell/Tina Wyatt at 417-862-3455 or Mary Turner at 417-869-8911 ext 185;

**Thank You!**

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Thank you for your help in working with our students.

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