



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
& RECOVERY SERVICES**

## **Internship Placements 2025-2026 MASTERS LEVEL PROGRAM**

San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is a comprehensive county behavioral health services division dedicated to serving the needs of older adults, adults, adolescent, at-risk youth, and families experiencing mental health and/or co-occurring substance misuse concerns. Services are offered in outpatient, inpatient, and outreach programs by multidisciplinary staff that includes psychologists, psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, marriage and family therapists (MFT), occupational therapists, trainees, and intern positions. BHRS provides clinical training opportunities to students pursuing their master's degree.

We offer many placement opportunities. Some opportunities are with our regional clinics, which serve adults and youth within a geographical area. Other opportunities are with units that serve specialized populations of older adults, adults, adolescents, and/or at-risk youth throughout the county. Each placement site is described in more detail in this packet. **This is a living document, so please check in often to view newly added listings!**

In addition to receiving clinical supervision, interns and trainees will be provided didactic training opportunities. These (mandatory) trainings are designed to equip our interns and trainees with the essential knowledge and skills required to effectively meet the needs of those served by BHRS.

Stipends are available for those providing services to marginalized populations within our system of youth, adolescent, adult, and older adult services through the Cultural Stipend Internship Program (CSIP). Each stipend is \$7,000 per intern or trainee who works 20-hours in their placement, devoting two of those hours to the CSIP program per week. The stipend application will be distributed to all trainees who are offered and accept a position with BHRS for term 2025-2026. This application period opens immediately following BHRS Internship Orientation in September.

**TO APPLY:** Please send your resume and a letter of intent to the contact person (*listed at the bottom of the available listing*) for each site in which you are interested. Please apply for as many sites that pique your interest to find that ideal fit. It is highly recommended that students apply before **March 7, 2025**. (*Applications submitted after this date will be considered **if** there are still openings available*).

For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/internships>

For questions, please contact: [HS\\_BHRS\\_Internships@smcgov.org](mailto:HS_BHRS_Internships@smcgov.org)

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**NORTH COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH - ADULT TEAM**  
**San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**  
**375 89 Street**  
**Daly City, CA 94015**  
**(650) 301-8650**

**PLACEMENT OPENINGS:** Internships are available for **second year MSW & MFT** students.

- 20-24 hours per week.
- Placement from September through June.
- Bilingual welcomed (Spanish, Tagalog, Cantonese, Mandarin) interns encouraged to apply.

**PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION:**

North County Mental Health Services is one of five regional clinics of San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services that provides outpatient treatment and services to individuals with severe mental health concerns. Mental Health services include medication management, time-limited individual and group therapy, rehabilitation and recovery services, crisis intervention, and clinical case management. Whenever appropriate, families and individual support systems are involved in treatment.

The North County Mental Health Services staff is composed of a multicultural and interdisciplinary team of psychiatrists, psychiatric residents, social workers, marriage and family therapists, nurses, and peer case managers. The clinic serves a diverse group of community members with a strong focus on Latino and Filipino communities. Bilingual and bicultural trainees are highly encouraged to apply.

The training program at North County Mental Health consists of weekly clinical seminars as well as individual, and group supervision. The seminars are taught by behavioral health professionals at the clinic and in the community who have expertise in prioritized clinical areas.

MSW interns and MFT trainees are involved in all the clinic's services and activities, including assessment, individual and group therapy, case management, and crisis intervention. Interns and trainees also learn about psychopharmacology for non-medical practitioners. There will also be opportunities to work collaboratively with other agencies within San Mateo County's behavioral health system.

North County Mental Health supports research projects within the limits of confidentiality and human subject research regulations and with the approval of Quality Management.

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## **CENTRAL COUNTY – ADULT TEAM**

### **San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**

**1950 Alameda de las Pulgas**

**San Mateo, CA 94403**

**(650) 573-3571**

**PLACEMENT OPENINGS:** Internships are available for **second year MSW & MFT** interns. First year internships may be considered for students with prior relevant experience.

- Minimum: 20 hours per week.
- Flexible schedule available Monday – Friday, Thursday mornings are required.
- Placement from September through June, other placement schedules considered.
- Provide clinical services to seriously at-risk adults in an outpatient mental health clinic.
- Bilingual and/or bicultural interns are highly encouraged to apply.

### **PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION:**

Central County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is one of five regional clinics that provide outpatient treatment and services to individuals with chronic or severe mental health concerns. Mental health services include medication management, individual and group therapy, rehabilitation and recovery services, crisis intervention, and clinical case management. Treatment teams are multidisciplinary and include psychiatrists, a psychologist, social workers, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, psychiatric nurses, peer support, psychiatry residents, and interns. Interns play a significant role in conducting much of the individual group therapy and case management. Working as part of this multidisciplinary team providing recovery-focused services to culturally diverse, chronically, and seriously at-risk adults, including the dually diagnosed population, many with a traumatic history. Skill building in clinical case management, crisis intervention, assessment, planning, evaluation, best practice counseling/therapy for individuals and groups for the severely at-risk population. Specific practice models will be emphasized including, biopsychosocial assessments, trauma informed care, seeking safety, cognitive behavior therapy, dialectic behavior therapy, psychoeducation, and motivational interviewing. The intern would be trained to provide semi-structured diagnostic interviews to complete comprehensive psychiatric/psychosocial assessments and take on an Officer of the Day shift, with staff support, that increases the interns' urgent/crisis management skills.

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**LOCATION:** Central County Fieldwork

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**Population:** Adult/Youth

## **PRENATAL TO THREE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TEAM**

**San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**

**2000 Alameda de las Pulgas**

**San Mateo, CA 94403**

**(650) 372-8592**

**PLACEMENT OPENINGS:** **Second Year MSW & MFT** (including art therapy) students.

- 24 hours weekly.
- Mandatory staff meetings on Thursdays and small clinical groups on Tuesdays.
- Placements run from August to May
- Spanish-speaking is desirable.

### **PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION:**

- The Prenatal to Three team provides mental health services in the clinic and in the home to Medi-Cal and uninsured populations of pregnant/1-year postpartum women and children up to 5 years of age. This is an early intervention program that focuses on the attachment and developmental process of infants aged zero through five, using a child-parent psychotherapy model.
- The Teen Program provides treatment to pregnant and parenting teens.
- Partners for Safe and Healthy Children (PSHC) provides services to families in San Mateo County who are involved with Child Protective Services (CPS) and have at least one child, 5 and under, in the family. This includes collaboration with CPS social workers and other collaborative partners, and treatment of men, women, and children which focuses on substance recovery, mental health, healing from trauma, and repairing parent-child relationships.
- Trainee caseloads can be from one program or a mixture of Pre to Three, PSHC, and the Teen Program.
- Interventions include assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of both women and their children ages 0-5, individual, family, and group modalities.
- Pre to Three is a multidisciplinary team consisting of psychiatric social workers, marriage and family therapists, community workers, adult psychiatrists, public health nurses, nutritionists, and perinatal drug and alcohol specialists.
- Group and individual supervision provided.

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**LOCATION:** Central County Fieldwork

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**Population:** Youth

**NORTH COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH – YOUTH TEAM**

**Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**

**San Mateo County Health Department**

**350 90<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Daly City, CA 94015**

**(650) 301-8650**

**PLACEMENT OPENINGS: MSW and MFT students**

- Starts mid-August through end of May
- 24 hours per week
- Thursdays 8:30am – 1:00pm and one evening **after 5:00pm** required
- Must have California DL to use County Car
- Bilingual candidate encouraged to apply

**PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION:**

North County Mental Health Services is one of five regional clinics that serves a diverse community in the northern part of San Mateo County. It provides outpatient mental health services to youth and their families. The target population is children and adolescents under 18 years of age presenting with severely at-risk emotional and/or behavioral concerns and with multiple risk factors including psychiatric hospitalization, out-of-home placement, substance abuse, and trauma.

The North County Youth Team staff is composed of an interdisciplinary team of Psychiatric Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, a Psychiatrist and a Family Partner. The staff is multicultural and multilingual.

Trainees/Interns will provide individual, family and group therapy to youth in addition to crisis intervention and case management. Trainees will develop clinical skills in assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, multiple modes of treatment, and multidisciplinary collaboration and coordination among schools and agencies involved.

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**LOCATION:** South County

**POPULATION:** Youth

**SOUTH COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH – YOUTH TEAM**

**San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**

**727 Shasta St.**

**Redwood City, CA 94063**

**(650) 599-1033**

**PLACEMENT OPENINGS:** MFT trainees or intern students. Bilingual Spanish speaking is desirable.

- 20-24 or more hours weekly.
- Mandatory staff and training meetings on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- Placements run from August through June

**PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION:**

South County Mental Health Services is one of six regional clinics that serves a diverse community in the southern part of San Mateo County and provides outpatient mental health services to at-risk youth and their families. The target populations are youth, 5 to 18 years old, experiencing severe emotional and/or behavioral concerns with multiple risk factors including psychiatric hospitalizations, out-of-home placement, substance misuse, and trauma. The program's goal is to provide culturally responsive, trauma informed services to support at-risk youth and their families.

Outpatient services include, but are not limited to:

- Individual therapy
- Case management
- Family therapy
- Psychiatric medication evaluation and management
- Group therapy for youth and/or caregivers

Outpatient services may be provided in a clinic, school, or community settings. Service duration can vary depending on the need and care of youth. Services can be short or long-term. The South County youth team is composed of an interdisciplinary team of marriage and family therapists and/or licensed clinical social workers, psychiatrists, and a family partner. Graduate level trainees may be part of the team based on the academic school year. The staff is multicultural and multilingual.

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**LOCATION:** Various  
**POPULATION:** Youth

**SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH TEAM**

**San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**

**Palos Verdes**

**1290 Commodore Drive West**

**San Bruno, CA 94066**

**PHONE: (650) 583-1260**

**PLACEMENT OPENINGS: Second year MSW & MFT students**

- Placement from September through June.
- 16-20 hours per week.
- Bilingual and bicultural candidates are encouraged to apply.
- Must have car to travel.
- Available for evening hours 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. one day per week for families.
- Mandatory weekly staff meetings and trainings.

**PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION:**

- The team provides comprehensive mental health services to students in special education programs throughout the County of San Mateo. These students have significant emotional/behavioral concerns, which affect their ability to learn in the classroom.
- The team serves youth from elementary through high school - up until the age of 22.
- Mental health services may include mental health assessments, individual/family therapy, case management, participation in Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings, consultation with education staff, and/or collaboration with other community agencies.
- The team is a multidisciplinary team consisting of therapists, a child psychiatrist, a psychologist, and a parent liaison.
- Group and individual supervision provided.
- Interns are required to have some volunteer or paid experience working with youth.
- Position requires travel between school sites.
- School Based Mental Health comprises of three teams: North, Central/Coast, and South Clinics.

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**LOCATION:** South County

**POPULATION:** Youth

**TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH TEAM**

**San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**

**727 Shasta Street**

**Redwood City, CA 94063**

**(650) 599-1033**

**PLACEMENT OPENINGS: MSW & MFT students**

- 16 to 24 hours weekly
- Must be available Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon for weekly seminar and staff meeting.
- Placement runs from September through June
- Bilingual Spanish is welcome but not required

**PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION:**

The field-based team provides individual therapy to transitional age youth ages 18-25 years. Interns will provide clinical case management and counseling to transitional age youth with multiple risk factors including risk of out-of-home placement, psychiatric hospitalization, history of trauma, substance misuse, and/or homelessness. Interns will participate in multidisciplinary team meetings to provide services to emotionally at-risk youth and seriously at-risk adults, providing individual, family, and group psychotherapy for transitional-age youth. Interns will have the opportunity to gain knowledge on evaluating young adults admitted to the psychiatric emergency department and collaborate with multiple service systems including education, probation and social services. Additionally, interns will learn and develop skills in the areas of crisis intervention, short-term counseling/therapy, assessment and evaluation, treatment planning, case management, and group therapy.

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**LOCATION:** Various  
**POPULATION:** Youth

**BADEN THERAPEUTIC DAY SCHOOL**

**San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services**  
**825 Southwood Drive**  
**South San Francisco, CA 94080**  
**(650) 877-8795**

**PLACEMENT OPENINGS:** Internships available for **MFT** students.

- 24-30 hours per week.
- Placement from August through May.
- Must be available to work Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION:**

The placement would provide individuals with working on a multidisciplinary team, serving high school students with emotional concerns.

- The program is a collaborative effort between BHRS and the local high school districts.
- All students in the program qualify for special education and have emotional and behavioral concerns.
- This day treatment modality includes individual, family, group, and milieu.
- Collaboration with Child Protective Services, juvenile probation, and the school districts.
- Weekly attendance at staff meetings is required. The day and time are dependent on which program location the student is interning.

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