



Counselors Needed for Summer Treatment Program for Children with Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is looking to recruit counselors for the ADHD Summer Treatment Program (STP). This is an all-day, evidence-based, therapeutic program devoted exclusively to 6-12-year-old children with ADHD following the Summer Treatment Program model developed by Dr. William Pelham. The STP is located in Cincinnati, Ohio and is directed by Dr. Allison Zoromski and Dr. Heather Ciesielski. STP provides intensive weekday treatment tailored to children's behavioral and educational needs. During the program, children are placed in age-similar groups of 12-15 children and are supervised by five-six counselors (and one lead counselor per group). In order to improve classroom behavior, three hours a day are devoted to classroom intervention. During this time, children are supervised by counselors in a structured setting with a response cost system in place. Children spend the remainder of the day in recreational activities during which the counselors implement a comprehensive behavior modification system. Treatment components include a point system, response cost, time out, group problem-solving, social skills training, sports skills training, as well as other strategies.

Recreational Counselors

These staff members are typically undergraduate students majoring in psychology, social work, education, or related fields. Counselors implement the treatment program with their group of 10-15 children and serve as a primary counselor for 1-4 children within their group. Counselors implement behavior modification interventions during activities and conduct sports skills training, social skills training, and problem-solving training. During classroom sessions, recreational counselors serve in supportive roles, or plan activities, design and revise individualized programs and targets for children's daily report cards and meet individually or as a group for supervision.

Educational Counselors

Educational counselors are typically undergraduate and graduate students in education, psychology, or other related fields. Educational counselors facilitate the Academic Learning Center, where children complete seatwork based on their individual skill level, and partner activities. Educational counselors ensure that each child receives work that is appropriate for their academic level. Educational counselors also grade and track classroom and homework assignments. Educational counselors may also plan activities for and supervise children during the computer and art learning centers. Educational counselors are responsible for implementing a response cost behavior management system in these settings.

Lead Counselors

These staff members are typically graduate-level students from clinical psychology, school psychology, social work, or related programs or individuals with significant past experience at a Summer Treatment Program. In addition to implementing the program, they supervise 4-5 undergraduate counselors in implementing the treatment program. During staff training, they assist program staff members in training undergraduate counselors in the token economy/point system, time out procedures, social skills and problem-solving training procedures and review the clinical records of the children with whom they will be working during the STP.

These positions provide students with a valuable opportunity to receive training and **receive approximately 250 hours of face-to-face clinical experience working with children with ADHD and related behavior problems.**

- Excellent opportunity for graduate school and work recommendations
- Gain clinical experience with children with ADHD and behavioral concerns
- Learn and use behavioral treatment strategies
- Receive supervision by clinical psychologists



Counselors are required to complete 2 weeks of training with our clinical staff before the start of the program. Training will begin on June 1st at our Center for ADHD and may include some virtual components. During training counselors typically work from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. During the program counselors typically work from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Friday. The hours will likely vary slightly as needed and as task efficiency increases. The summer program will begin on June 14th and will run on weekdays through to July 30th, 2021. There will be no program on July 5th. Counselors will also work after the program ends, from August 2nd - 4th to write reports summarizing the progress of 2-4 children.

We are seeking intelligent, professional, and nurturing individuals with:

- Strong interpersonal skills
- Experience working with children; ability to be playful
- Capability to react quickly and to deal with stressful situations
- High level of motivation, enthusiasm and energy!
- Sports skills and knowledge (softball, swimming, soccer, or basketball)
- Eagerness to learn; ability to accept and utilize constructive feedback
- Excellent academic skills, preferably psychology or education majors

**Applications are available on our website: www.cincinnatichildrens.org/adhd
Please e-mail ADHDSTP@cchmc.org or call 513-803-7708 with questions**