



Clinical internship placement opportunities Winter through summer and summer through fall semesters

Adult Services at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center

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Founded in 1983, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of New York City (the Center) today is recognized as the comprehensive, community-based organization for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities of the greater New York area, offering a range of services, activities and programs. Since its inception over 27 years ago, the Center has worked to address the myriad needs and issues the LGBT communities face, offering a comprehensive range of services, activities and programs. The Center helps to bring LGBT people out of isolation and connects them to proactive, healthy and affirmative services and activities, offering LGBT persons invaluable opportunities to discover who they are in an atmosphere of self-acceptance and support; to come together and build community to end stigma and prejudice; and to celebrate LGBT culture and identity. Approximately 6,000 persons pass through the Center's doors each week and 22,000 unique individuals use the Center on an annual basis.

Adult Services internship placements

The Center's Adult Services Department integrates substance abuse recovery, relapse and prevention, mental health, and HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment resources within an LGBT community center location. Over the last 23-years, the Center has worked to recognize, formalize and transfer a body of LGBT-community generated practice knowledge that is generated through evidence-based models and is relevant to individual, group and community level interventions.

Adult Services programming addresses:

Center CARE Wellness

- Gender identity (*Gender Identity Project – GIP*)
- Grief and bereavement services
- HIV and AIDS support and prevention
- Immigrant support
- LBT cancer support and prevention (*Lesbian Cancer Initiative – LCI*)
- Mental health supportive services
- Recovery support (*Foundations for LGBT Recovery – FFR*)
- Smoking Cessation (*LGBT SmokeFree Project – SFP*)
- Substance abuse prevention and harm reduction services

Center CARE Recovery

- Substance abuse treatment

Adult Services field placement information:

- Adult Services is open Monday – Friday from 10am – 6pm and offers groups on Monday – Thursday evenings until 9pm
- Placement requires ability to flex field days to fit program hours; interns are expected to be onsite and attend the weekly Monday 2 – 3pm Adult Services staff meeting, as well as Monday morning trainings (dates and times vary)
- Prospective interns will need to have some weeknight evening and weekend availability
- Adult Services offers a combination of short-term individual, group and community interventions to its clients
- Adult Services has a supportive staff of about 26 full and part-time workers, up to 15 social work, counseling and CASAC interns, 3 or 4 peer interns and 14 to 18 peer and peer-professional educators

Adult Services internship placement opportunities include:

- Administration/Social Enterprise Administration
- Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice, Casework/Counseling
- Advanced Generalist Practice and Programming
- Community Organizing, Policy/Policy Practice
- Group Work



Adult Services internships:

Center CARE Wellness and Center CARE Recovery: Adult Services interns provide one-on-one sessions with individuals and couples for intake, assessment, counseling and referral and do follow-up encounters in person or by telephone, as necessary; lead or co-lead therapeutic and/pr psycho-educational support groups for lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender clients including recovery maintenance, health and mental health promotion, and HIV concerns at on- and off-site locations; and respond to telephone inquiries, screen potential clients of the Adult Services programs and make appropriate referrals to programs within and outside the Center.

- Casework/counseling and group work interns typically carry a caseload of 6 to 10 individual/couples clients (less for group work specialists) and 1 support group (more for group specialists)
- Interns will offer administrative and operations support (varies by program and placement option) including: document all client sessions and follow-up encounters and provide other written documentation of program activities and proposals, as necessary; participate in weekly general staff meetings, regular team and Center CARE and meetings; and participate in program-relevant training workshops and seminars.

Other possible Center CARE student activities: Interns have the opportunity to participate in developing off-site outreach strategies, groups, and community and professional training programs for providers and consumers; assist in planning and development of social service activities, groups, and workshops, including the production of outreach and educational materials; and assist in the development and implementation of process and outcome evaluations.

Center CARE also offers the following program specific internships on a case-by-case basis:

Gender Identity Project (GIP): The Gender Identity Project works to foster the healthy development of transgender and gender non-conforming people, partners, family and community. Through the delivery of a range of transgender-driven supportive services, advocacy, outreach, education and capacity-building, the GIP creates a safe and productive atmosphere for community-building, wellness and self-care, and leadership development.

- The GIP intern is responsible for offering services to transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, partners and family members, around HIV prevention, support and education. This is achieved through community organizing, individual and group counseling and outreach. Interns will have the opportunity to engage in clinical work, as well as in various aspects of program development, policy, outreach and implementation.

Lesbian Cancer Initiative (LCI): The Lesbian Cancer Initiative offers a continuum of cancer-related services to lesbians, bisexual women, transgender people and their caregivers, partners and loved-ones. These services include support, prevention/outreach activities, educational events and cultural competency training for cancer-care providers.

- The LCI intern is responsible for offering cancer-related supportive and prevention services to lesbians, bisexual women, transgender people and their caregivers, partners and loved-ones. The LCI intern will have the opportunity to engage in clinical work, as well as in various aspects of program development, policy, outreach and implementation.

Foundations for LGBT Recovery (FFR): Foundations for Recovery offers a continuum of peer-driven recovery support services including support groups, case management and vocational training.

- The FFR intern is responsible for offering recovery support services to LGBT people in recovery. The FFR intern will have the opportunity to engage in clinical work, as well as in various aspects of program development, outreach and implementation.

Center CARE Recovery (CCR): Center CARE Recovery is a NYS licensed outpatient chemical dependency program and works to provide lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender sensitive and affirmative assessment, substance abuse/dependency treatment, relapse prevention, and referral services to individuals, couples, and groups.

- The CCR intern is responsible for offering substance abuse/dependency treatment services including screening and referrals to appropriate LGBT sensitive providers, assessment, treatment and relapse prevention, individual counseling and support groups.
- Intern attendance at CCR Team Meetings is encouraged but not required. The CCR Administrative Meeting is on Tuesday's from 2 – 3pm and the CCR Clinical Meeting is on Friday's from 1 – 2pm.