2019 Camp Baker Volunteer Counselor Positions

Summary
Camp Baker at Judge Baker Children is pleased to announce positions for summer 2019. Camp Baker is based off of the Summer Treatment Program (STP), which was named a Model Program for Service Delivery for Child and Family Mental Health by the Section on Clinical Child Psychology and Division of Child, Youth, and Family Services of the American Psychological Association. The STP has also been used in clinical trials and has been named a program of the year by CHADD, the national parent advocacy group for children with ADHD. The STP has also been listed in SAMHSA’s National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices. The STP at Camp Baker provides services to children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), learning problems, and related mood, emotional, and behavior problems. The program provides treatment tailored to children’s individual behavioral, social emotional, and learning difficulties. Volunteer Counselors will work in groups with children ages 6-12 years old.

The dates of employment for the Volunteer Counselor position are Monday, July 1, 2019 through Friday, August 16, 2019 (counselors will get the July 4th holiday off). Hours of employment are 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. In addition, Volunteer Counselors continue to work with the children until 6:00pm one evening each week while parents participate in weekly parent training groups.

The Volunteer Counselor position is an unpaid position. However, students gain direct face-to-face clinical intervention experience, supervision, and didactic training. In addition, academic credits can often be arranged on an individual basis through the student’s own program.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities
- Read the program manual and be extensively familiar with the behavior modification program and rules and procedures for daily recreational activities.
- Participate in week-long didactic training on behavior modification principles and orientation to treatment approach and intervention components. Participate in weekly group supervision.
- Implement an extensive behavior modification treatment program during all program activities. The behavior modification program includes: feedback and associated consequences for positive and negative behaviors, daily and weekly rewards for appropriate behavior, social praise and attention, appropriate commands, and age-appropriate removal from positive reinforcement.
- Deliver the treatment components during daily sports-based recreational periods in which children practice and play soccer, kickball, swimming, and other outdoor games.
- Plan and conduct skill drills to address children’s specific skill deficits, provide appropriate coaching, assess children’s knowledge of the game rules and procedures, model appropriate sports skills, and encourage and reinforce appropriate effort, sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork.
- Be familiar with the rules and fundamentals of each sport and will be expected to model appropriate skill and enthusiasm.
- Assist with daily social skills training sessions, conduct problem-solving discussions as necessary, and assist with the implementation of daily report cards and individualized treatment programs.
- Responsible for recording, tracking, and entering daily records of children’s behavior and response to the treatment.
- Provide support to children while in transit to and from Camp Baker. Communicate with parents about their child’s performance on daily report card goals.
• Prepare and summarize behavioral data to be included in children’s final treatment reports.
• Work under the supervision of experienced staff members and will receive regular feedback about their performance.

Qualifications and Skills
• Undergraduate-level study in Psychology, Education, Behavior Analysis, Social Work, or related field.
• Experience working with children or adolescents in settings such as summer camps, after-school programs, sports programs, daycare programs, and educational programs.
• Experience with activities such as organized sports activities, art, music, dance, theater, graphic design, photography, and videography.
• Previous experience in teaching, refereeing, or coaching children is preferred.

Applications:
Interested applicants should send
• A cover letter describing your professional development goals and how Camp Baker might fit with those goals
• A current CV
• A de-identified assessment report, treatment report, or other psychology-related writing sample
• The name and contact information for your practicum coordinator (for applicants looking to gain practicum or academic credit)
• Three letters of recommendation (sent to Dr. Tannenbaum from the recommender directly)

to:  Sarah Tannenbaum, Psy.D.
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Applications for Camp Baker positions will be accepted beginning in January 2019. There is no cutoff date for applying. Applications received after all positions have been filled will be placed on a waiting list. Positions are competitive so interested individuals should apply as soon as possible.

For more information, please visit our website: https://jbcc.harvard.edu/summer-enrichment-institute.