

2026-2027 MSW Externship with Children and Adolescents at DePaul Family and Community Services

About DePaul FCS:

DePaul Family and Community Services strengthens and empowers families and communities through innovative, evidenced-based, community-oriented services and the training of culturally competent, socially responsible professionals. FCS provides comprehensive and quality behavioral health services to children, adolescents, their families, and their communities. Located on DePaul University's Lincoln Park campus in Chicago, FCS serves families who live in Lincoln Park and other Chicago and Chicagoland areas. FCS holds existing partnerships with community partner schools to also provide school- based services.

Externship Program Description:

During the 2026-2027 academic school year, DePaul Family and Community Services will offer a practicum placement for MSW second- year/ advanced- standing graduate students interested in working with children and adolescent populations. This program will include clinical experience with providing individual and family therapy at the agency clinic. This program may also present the opportunity to provide school- based services. Some common areas for treatment include ADHD, anxiety, chronic stress and trauma, and depression.

MSW student externs will have the opportunity to gain experience conducting mental health assessments, conceptualizing diagnoses, and providing individual and family therapy. Spanish- speaking externs are *strongly encouraged* to apply.

Externs receive individual supervision by a bilingual Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and group supervision in English. Spanish group consultation is available dependent upon the number of Spanish- speaking externs for the year. Externs will have the opportunity to participate in weekly in-service trainings at DePaul FCS, scheduled on Wednesdays from 10 AM- 11 AM.

Requirements:

- Must have completed first- year MSW practicum placement
- Must be available for summer orientation at DePaul FCS during the month of July 2026.
- 20 hour/ week commitment
 - Wednesday morning commitment at the agency office for in-service trainings, meetings, group supervisions, etc
 - Dependent on need, one day designated to being onsite at a community partner school and
 - Evening flexibility with the remainder of the hours at DePaul FCS

Preferred Background:

- Spanish language fluency

Contact:

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MSW Externship Supervisor, Bianca I. Mena, LCSW at bmena@depaul.edu

Process to Apply:

Apply via our Website: <https://csh.depaul.edu/about/centers-and-institutes/dfcs/Pages/professional-training.aspx>. Emailed applications will be asked to complete the online application.

The application process will require upload of the following files:

- A cover letter clearly indicating your interest and fit to this agency
 - Please mark MSW Externship as choice Number 1.
- Your resume or curriculum vitae
- A writing sample (i.e., a therapeutic report or summary)
- An official graduate transcript
- Letters of Recommendation
 - You will be asked to provide the names of two (2) letter writers. When you complete your application, an email will automatically be sent to your identified letter writers requesting them to make their submissions online. However, at the end of the application, you may also send each letter writer a link to upload their letter of recommendation.