Counselors Needed for Summer Program for Children with Attention/Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD)

The Child Study Center at NYU Langone Medical Center is looking to recruit recreational and educational counselors for the NYU Summer Program for Kids (SPK), an all-day, evidence-based, therapeutic program, devoted exclusively to 7-11 year old children with ADHD. The SPK is located at The College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY and is directed by Dr. Karen Fleiss, a nationally renowned clinical psychologist and expert in the treatment of children with ADHD. In addition, ongoing consultation is provided by Dr. Howard Abikoff, an eminent researcher who is the Director of the Institute for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity and Behavior Disorders at the Child Study Center. The SPK provides intensive weekday treatment tailored to children’s behavioral and educational needs. During the program, children are placed in age-similar groups of 12-14 children, and are supervised by five 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 teachers in a structured setting. Children spend the remainder of the day in recreational activities during which time 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.

- Students (NYU and non-NYU) can elect to participate in the SPK as an NYU salaried employee
- Students can participate as an NYU student for 6 college credits (3 credits didactic/3 credits practicum (tuition: $1,267 per credit).

You have the option to take the didactic for 3 credits, but you must commit to the remaining seven weeks as a salaried employee. (If you are not an NYU student, and are interested in taking the course, please inquire at your university to determine if credits earned can be transferred.)

The position provides junior and senior level undergraduates, and graduate level students with a valuable opportunity to receive training and gain experience with children in a clinical setting.

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

Counselors work Monday through Friday, typically from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm, and lead counselors participate in parent training activities one evening a week between 5:15 pm and 7:15 pm. Counselors undergo 3-1/2 weeks of full-time training at our Long Island-based office prior to the start of the program, and must be available to begin training the first week in June. The summer program will begin on June 30th and will run through to August 15th, 2014.

We are seeking intelligent, professional, and nurturing individuals with:
- Excellent academic skills, preferably psychology or education majors
- 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!
- Eagerness to learn; ability to accept and utilize constructive feedback
- Sports skills and knowledge (softball, soccer, basketball)

Please call (516) 358-1811 or visit our website at www.AboutOurKids.org for an application.