

CGC WELCOMES NEW PSYCHOLOGY INTERNS TO PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM

STAMFORD, CT/March 19, 2007 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC) announced the one-year appointment in September, of four interns to its Pre-Doctoral Internship Program in Child and Adolescent Psychology. Selected for their exceptional qualifications from a field of over ninety applicants, the interns – Anna Smith, Scott Hutchinson, Maria Gaudio and Jacqueline Freedman-Hanisko – will work closely with the CGC’s experienced therapists to further the development of their expertise in this highly specialized field.

Prior to joining the CGC, Anna Smith completed a one-year psychology externship at Lenox Hill Hospital’s Center for Attention and Learning Disorders in Manhattan, NY and a one-year psychology externship at Bronx-Lebanon’s Outpatient Clinic in the Bronx, NY.

Concurrently, she spent four years as a part-time psychotherapist at the Postgraduate West Rehabilitation Center in Manhattan, NY. A resident of Manhattan, Smith received a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology from Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, a master of arts degree in developmental psychology from Teachers College at Columbia University, and a master of arts degree in clinical psychology at Long Island University. Currently, she is a candidate for the doctoral degree in clinical psychology at Long Island University, where she is working on her dissertation entitled, “The Impact of Disease Stigma on Medication Adherence and Psychological Functioning in Three Diseases: HIV, Type II Diabetes, and Hypertension.” Smith is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA), and the New York State Psychological Association (NYSPA).

Stamford-resident Scott Hutchinson, completed two psychology internships prior to joining CGC’s program, spending two years at The Landon School for Boys in Bethesda, Maryland and two years at the George Washington University Center Clinic in Washington, D.C. Hutchinson received bachelor of science degrees in English literature and human and organizational development from Vanderbilt University. Currently, he is completing the

requirements for graduation from George Washington University's Center of Professional Psychology and is a candidate for a doctor of psychology degree.

Prior to the CGC, Bronx-resident Maria Gaudio completed a one-year psychology externship at the Bronx Children's Psychiatric Center and a two-year psychology internship at William B. Ward Elementary School in New Rochelle, New York. Prior to that, she served three years as a mental health worker at Four Winds Hospital in Westchester, New York. Gaudio received a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Pace University and a master of science degree in education in school psychology from the same institution. She is currently enrolled in Pace University's School of Psychology and is a candidate for a doctoral degree in school-clinical child psychology. Gaudio is currently working on her doctoral research project entitled "The Relationship Between Self-Concept and Childhood Bilingual Education"

Before joining the CGC, Jacqueline Freeman-Hanisko of Union, New Jersey, worked at the Carrier Clinic in Belle Mead, New Jersey from September 2000 to January 2003. She had several positions at the clinic including mental health technician for the Acute Care Unit, discharge planner, and most recently case manager. Freedman-Hanisko received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Douglass College at Rutgers University and a master of science degree in education from Pace University's School of Psychology. Currently, she is in her internship year as a candidate for a doctoral degree in school-clinical child psychology at Pace and is working on her dissertation entitled, "Parental Representation and Individuation of Adolescents At-Risk for Suicidal Ideation."

The CGC's Psychology Pre-Doctoral Internship Program offers a unique and personalized teaching program for the next generation of clinical psychologists. The Center works with local universities to provide members of the program with hands-on, practical experience working with real life cases. Individuals work closely with CGC professional discussing individual cases, planning course of treatment, as well as attending staff seminars and case conferences.

The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut is a non-profit mental health resource, serving children and teenagers in Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, and Greenwich through referrals from schools, courts, human service agencies, and physicians. The CGC's clinical staff of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists work with more than 2,000 area children annually, providing culturally competent and sensitive care to families representative to the rich ethnic mix of the communities CGC serves. Preventative services are provided to approximately 1,000 youngsters, parents and professionals through public education and consultation programs. Incorporated in 1954, the CGC is supported by Connecticut Department of Children & Families, Connecticut Office of Victim Services and United Ways of Greenwich, New Canaan and Stamford, the Community Fund of Darien, as well as generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions.

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