

CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER WELCOMES NEW SOCIAL WORK INTERNS

STAMFORD, CT/August 14, 2007 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC) has announced the one-year appointment of four new interns to its Master's in Social Work Internship Program. Beginning in September, the interns – Margaret Pyne, Rebecca Ross, Brian McGovern and Caitlyn Pearson – will work closely with the CGC's experienced therapists to develop their skills within the supportive and multidisciplinary staff while gaining valuable knowledge in the field of social work.

Stamford-resident Margaret Pyne holds a bachelor of arts degree in human development and psychology from Boston College where she graduated magna cum laude, was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and named an All-American Scholar. She is currently enrolled in the Master's of Social Work program at New York University. Prior to the CGC, Pyne served as a clinical intern at Operation Hope in Fairfield, CT, an organization that provides a variety of services to the homeless and those who are at-risk of homelessness. Prior to that, she worked as a private tutor in Brookline, MA and as an educator for kindergarten-aged children at the Impact21 Destiny After School Haven in Rahway, NJ.

Brooklyn-resident Rebecca Ross earned a bachelor of arts degree in English with a minor in East Asian studies from Oberlin College in Oberlin, OH. Ross is pursuing a Masters in Social Work at Smith College School for Social Work. Prior to her internship with CGC, she interned for the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services working with adults with severe mental illness. Ross served as the manager of corporate development at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in New York City and spent one year as a marketing director at CTI Audio, Inc. in Cleveland, OH. Most recently, Ross worked as a marketing director at Omnitronics, LCC and Novis Marine in Solon, OH.

Brian McGovern of Bridgeport earned a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American studies from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He is currently pursuing a Master's of Social Work degree at Southern Connecticut State University. His

previous employment has included student support at the University of Minnesota as well as working at a non-profit environmental law office in New Haven, CT. Prior to joining the CGC, McGovern completed a social work internship at Columbus School in Bridgeport.

Caitlyn Pearson of Greenwich holds of bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Fairfield University, where she graduated magna cum laude. She is currently enrolled in the Master's of Social Work program at Fordham University. Pearson has a teaching background that includes one year in Seville, Spain where she served as an English teacher at La Compania De Maria, one year as a teacher's aide at Franklin Elementary School in West Newton, MA, and one year as a teaching assistant at the Brunswick School in Greenwich. From September 2006 to May 2007, she served as a parent aide at the Child Abuse Prevention Center of Westchester County in White Plains, NY. Most recently, she has worked as an assistant innkeeper at The Stanton House Inn in Greenwich. Pearson is fluent in Spanish and certified to teach English as a second language.

Each year, the CGC invites the area schools of social work to place qualified second year students to take part in an exceptionally rich training program. Social work interns typically carry a load of eight cases and see young children as well as teenagers, parents, families and sometimes groups (co-lead with an experienced staff person). Students conduct intake interviews, make referrals for additional services within and outside the agency, and are responsible for the insurance paperwork and the charting for the individual cases that they see. They are given two supervised sessions per week by senior social work clinicians and are expected to attend case conferences, seminars, special presentations, treatment teams and staff meetings. In addition, CGC offers a seminar that runs the whole year and takes up a variety of clinical and procedural topics, as well as matters related to the development of professional identity. Lastly, towards the end of the year each student gives a clinical presentation to the CGC staff.

The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut is a non-profit mental health resource, serving children and teenagers in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, and New Canaan, both

self referred and 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 of the rich ethnic mix of communities CGC serves. Preventative services are provided to youngsters, parents and professionals through public education and consultation programs. Incorporated in 1954, the CGC is supported by the Connecticut Department of Children & Families, Connecticut Office of Victim Services and United Ways of Stamford, Greenwich, and New Canaan, the Community Fund of Darien, as well as generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions.

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