

Overview

Jail Psychiatric Services has provided psychiatric treatment to the inmates at the San Francisco City and County Jail systems since 1973. JPS offers a full spectrum of mental health care including evaluation and assessment, crisis intervention, individual and group therapy, medication management, court-ordered evaluations, day treatment program services, and re-entry planning services.

A program component of Jail Psychiatric Services is Jail Aftercare Services (JAS). JAS is the clinical case management area of the agency and their focus is on re-entry planning, and court and community collaboration. Clinical case managers act as the liaison between the various systems that impact the lives of inmates with severe and persistent mental illness.

JPS employs a multi-disciplinary staff comprised of psychiatrists, psychologists, MFTs, LCSWs and mental health counselors. JPS believes that having a variety of staff disciplines and philosophies working together enhances the range and quality of care. JPS is part of a healthcare team and provides integrated care by working closely with Jail Health Services and other primary health care providers.

Internship/Practicum

Jail Psychiatric Services' internship/practicum program is open to psychology doctoral students and students in MFT and MSW programs. There are three different tracks that students can apply for in this program:

- **General Clinical Care**
Responsibilities may include: clinical care in psychiatric housing units, group therapy, psychiatric stabilization, individual therapy, and post-release planning.
- **Clinical Case Management**
Responsibilities may include: eligibility assessments for San Francisco's mental health court, court ordered evaluations, psychosocial assessments, referrals to and collaboration with community mental health agencies.
- **Veteran's COVER Project**
Responsibilities may include: group therapy, collaboration with the Veteran's Administration, individual therapy, and trauma informed care.



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The 43 week intern program begins the first week of September and ends the last week in June. Students are expected to work 20-24 hours per week.

**Required day:
Thursday 8:00am – 3:30pm.**

JPS provides students with 1 hour of individual supervision and 2 hours of group supervision weekly. Additionally, students attend weekly 2-hour didactic trainings and a 45 minute training meeting. There are monthly agency in-services and opportunities during the year to attend professional workshops and conferences.

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It is the mission of Jail Psychiatric Services to provide quality, compassionate, culturally competent behavioral health services, using professional and community standards of care, to individuals incarcerated in the San Francisco City and County jail system, and to assist these mentally ill individuals and those with co-occurring disorders in establishing linkages with community-based mental health programs to help them avoid re-offending and future incarceration.



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