Clinical Psychology Training Programs at Brown: A Consortium of the Providence VA Medical Center, Lifespan, and Care New England
Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Program

Postdoctoral Fellowship Description: RESEARCH FOCUS

Title: Postdoctoral Fellowship in Pediatric Health Disparities

APA-accredited: ___YES ___NO

Site: Rhode Island Hospital
Providence, Rhode Island

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Site Description
Hasbro Children’s Hospital (HCH) is an 87-bed hospital that serves as the pediatric division of Rhode Island Hospital. It is the only free standing children’s hospital in the state, and sees the largest proportion of child inpatients. HCH houses a busy pediatric ER, multiple interdisciplinary outpatient clinics, and an inpatient psychiatry consultation/liaison service. The Hasbro Partial Hospital Program and Hasbro Med Psych Inpatient program provide combined pediatric and psychiatric care for children whose problems are better managed in an integrated medical setting. Child psychiatry research and clinical service programs are closely involved with pediatric general and subspecialty programs at every level to a degree that has resulted in Rhode Island and Hasbro Children’s Hospital/Brown being used as a model at other children's hospitals nationally.

Fellowship Aims
1. To provide the fellow with broad post-doctoral training in the area of multi-level contributors to pediatric health disparities, with a specific focus on pediatric asthma, sleep, and obesity.
2. To provide the fellow with strong skills to conduct research focused on pediatric health disparities.
3. To enable the fellow to gain experience working with a multidisciplinary pediatric psychology team by providing individual as well as group clinical services to children, adolescents, and families at Rhode Island Hospital.

Fellowship Timeline
This is a one-year fellowship. The fellowship will initiate July, 1, 2018 and conclude June 30, 2019.
Research Activities (70%)
Seventy percent of the fellow’s time will be devoted to research, academic, and professional training experiences. The fellow will participate in the following activities:

1. **Review of pediatric health disparities literature**: The fellow will be provided with a series of readings in the area of pediatric health disparities in general, with a specific focus on the fellow’s area of interest (pediatric asthma, sleep, obesity). 10%

2. **Study coordination**: The fellow will collaborate with the PI (Koinis Mitchell) to coordinate studies funded by NIH (NICHD, NHLBI) and the Hassenfeld Children’s Health Institute. 15%

3. **Manuscript preparation and submission**: The fellow will be encouraged to collaborate on manuscript preparation and poster submissions at national conferences. Individually tailored goals will be established in this area. 20%

4. **Grant writing**: The fellow will be encouraged to develop a grant idea and submit a grant proposal by the end of the fellowship term. 20%

5. **Research Meetings**: The fellow will be required to participate in weekly research meetings conducted at Rhode Island Hospital. 5%

6. **Licensure as a Psychologist (Optional)**: The fellow will apply for licensure and works towards successfully negotiating all aspects of the licensure process, and obtain licensure as a psychologist (see Clinical Activity Plan below).

Clinical Activities (20%)
Twenty percent of the fellow’s time will be devoted to clinically-related activities. In order to ensure that the fellow receives a high level of clinical training in the area of Pediatric Psychology, the following activities will be required during the fellowship:

1. **Clinical assessment**: Individual and family assessment as indicated by referrals to clinical services (listed below) to include administration and interpretation of structured interviews and standardized assessments of global and specific functioning. A rotation in psychoeducational and developmental testing is optional.

2. **Treatment services**: The fellow will complete rotations in each of the following core clinical services: pediatric consultation/liaison, and outpatient therapy. The fellow will complete rotations in the following services as determined by fellow interest, training goals, and supervisor discretion: oncology service, sleep clinic, biofeedback, sibling group, obesity group, and Hasbro Children’s Hospital pediatric partial hospitalization program.

3. **Consultation to educational programs in pediatric asthma**: Under the supervision of the PI, the fellow will serve as a psychological consultant to asthma education programs provided in the hospital (CVS/pharmacy Draw-A-Breath program), and in the Providence Public Schools (Providence Schools Partnership/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation).

Path towards licensure _X__ Yes* _____ No (*not required)
Didactics (10%)
Postdoctoral Seminars: The fellow will participate in the Postdoctoral Seminar Series through the Brown University Postdoctoral Training Program and the Grand Rounds Series. The fellow will also participate in the Pediatric Psychology Seminar Series conducted at Rhode Island Hospital.

Supervision and Evaluation
Supervision will be provided in the form of weekly individual research supervision (Dr. Koinis Mitchell) and weekly individual supervision with a primary clinical supervisor (for outpatient therapy cases and monitoring of overall clinical responsibilities) and rotation supervisors.

At the conclusion and midpoint of the fellowship, the fellow and the supervisors are requested to provide formal evaluations, and evaluations of the program relative to the goals and learning objectives of the fellowship.

Resource Requirements
Fellow will be provided with the following resources:

1. Office space
2. A personal desktop computer and project specific software
3. Internet access
4. Telephone
5. Access to copying equipment

Reporting and Approval
This fellowship will be part of the Child track. The position has been discussed and approved by the Child track faculty in their monthly meeting of xx/xx/xx.

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