INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Camp STAR is a seven-week therapeutic summer day camp for children with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and related difficulties. Camp STAR adheres to the evidence-based Summer Treatment Program (STP) model developed by William E. Pelham, Jr., Ph.D., a leading psychologist in the field of ADHD research.

Camp STAR is Chicagoland’s only treatment program of this type, and allows children to have fun in a day camp setting while receiving treatment focused on:

- following rules and improving behavior
- developing social skills and building friendships
- increasing academic aptitude and boosting self-esteem

Our fantastic paraprofessional staff (that’s you!) provides treatment to a group of 12 to 15 similar age children over the course of the seven-week program.

- Each group is staffed by one lead counselor and four to five recreational counselors who work together as a team to implement treatment and run recreational sports activities.
- Children also spend time daily in our academic and art learning center. Learning Centers are staffed by educational counselors and teachers.
- During the program, staff members shape children’s behavior by using an extensive token economy point system to award points for positive behaviors and take away points for negative behaviors.
- Counselors also implement social skills training, problem-solving training and time-out when necessary.
- All staff receive supervision from experienced senior clinical staff and a licensed clinical psychologist with expertise in ADHD and related disorders.

Why work at Camp STAR? Although staff receive a stipend (amount varies by position), Camp STAR is more than a summer job. It’s a unique training opportunity for students interested in pursuing careers in the field of clinical/school/counseling psychology, special education, social work, pediatric medicine or any child-oriented career path.

- Undergraduate Students - Camp STAR provides an intensive training and field work experience rarely available at the undergraduate level.
- Graduate Students - Camp STAR provides training in evidence-based treatments and over 200 clinical contact hours! Hours are supervised and may count towards departmental requirements (check with your academic department to determine if this could apply to you).

When: Dates of employment in 2017 are Monday, June 5th through Monday, August 7th. Staff attend training during the first two weeks, and then begin working with the children when Camp STAR officially begins on June 19th.

- Hours during training are generally 9:00 to 5:00 (Monday through Friday).
- During Camp STAR, the staff day begins at 8:00. Campers leave at 4:30, and the staff day ends after daily charting and data management is completed (typically by 6:00). One night per week, staff help with evening childcare while parents attend a parent training group.
- Staff also attend on-site professional development seminars one evening per week. Seminars include presentations from experts in different areas of psychology/mental health and a graduate school panel. Dinner is provided to staff on seminar nights!

Where: Staff training occurs at the JCYS Lutz Family Center and the camp site is Lincoln Elementary School. Both sites are located in Highland Park, IL.

DESCRIPTION OF AVAILABLE CAMP STAR POSITIONS

Recreational Counselor (Typically upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in psychology, education, pre-med, social work or other related fields)
- Responsible for leading activities such as softball, basketball, soccer, and kickball while implementing the treatment program.
- Monitor children’s daily treatment progress by tracking behavioral data and completing chart notes.
- Assist with treatment planning, create or adjust behavioral goals as necessary, and discuss and monitor individual behavior plans with the treatment team.

Lead Counselor (Graduate students in clinical or school psychology, social work, or related programs; post-baccalaureate individuals who have previously worked at another Summer Treatment Program.)
- Lead all morning, end of day, and group problem-solving discussions for their treatment group.
- Provide brief clinical feedback to parents at dismissal about each child’s daily progress.
- Supervise recreational counselors in data management and charting.
- Facilitate end of day group staff meeting to review progress and problems for each child.
- Review daily behavioral targets and create individual behavior plans as necessary.
- Write end of treatment summary reports.

Educational Counselor (Undergraduates in education, psychology or related fields.)
- Provide academic support and behavior management in the classroom setting.
- Assist academic teacher in planning assignments and tracking classroom progress for each child.
- Grade and return seatwork and homework assignments during classroom periods.
- Implement time out procedures in the classroom as necessary.

Academic Teacher (Advanced undergraduate or graduate students in the field of education or early career teachers.)
- Plan and lead academic learning center periods for all groups.
- Assign and prepare seatwork and homework that is appropriate for each child’s academic level.
- Facilitate and supervise peer-tutoring in reading.
- Monitor and track each child’s academic and behavioral progress in the classroom.
- Implement Camp STAR behavior management system during all classroom periods.
- Supervise educational counselors.

Art Teacher (Advanced undergraduate or graduate students in the field of education/art or early career teachers.)
- Plan individual and cooperative group projects for elementary school age children.
- Implement Camp STAR behavior management procedures during all classroom periods.
- Plan and facilitate the camp art show for parent open house during week 5.
- Aid recreational counselors in planning and preparing projects/crafts for rainy days and Fun Fridays!
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
You may apply to more than one of the positions listed on the same application. In addition to the completed application, we ask that you send an official transcript, your current resume/CV and two academic or professional letters of recommendation. You should request letters of recommendation from professors or supervisors who know you well, and are able to relate your skills to the position for which you are applying.

Electronic submission of materials is preferred (see email info below). If you need to mail your materials, we ask that you send all application materials in one envelope. Letters of recommendation that are mailed must be sealed and signed by the author. Applications will not be reviewed until complete.

Camp STAR receives hundreds of applications each summer and has limited positions, so please don’t wait to apply! Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until positions are filled. Once your application is complete, we will contact you to schedule an interview.

Please note, summer housing and transportation are not provided. However, out-of-town students are encouraged to apply, and many out-of-town students search for housing together for the summer.

Questions?
email the director:
Kristine Kent, PhD at kkent@jcys.org

The deadline for applications is March 1st, 2017. All applications received before March 1st will be reviewed; after March 1st applications will be accepted on a rolling basis determined by position availability. We recommend you send your application and all requested materials as soon as possible - interviews are scheduled as applications are received.

Email all materials (use subject line: Staff Application 2017) to: kkent@jcys.org

Please send the following to complete your application:

☐ Completed application form
☐ Official school transcript
☐ Current resume/CV
☐ Two academic or professional letters of recommendation*
   * letters sent directly by applicants must have a signature or
     the letter writer can separately email their letter to kkent@jcys.org

Although email submission is preferred, you can also send your materials via USPS to:

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