

PRE-DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP

The River Valley Detention Center Pre-Doctoral Psychology Internship Program will accept two, full-time interns for a twelve month internship. River Valley Detention Center is a member of the Illinois Psychological Association Predoctoral Internship Consortium. Information regarding the start date and salary can be found on their website at: <https://ipapic.com>. During the course of the year, interns will obtain 2000 hours, with a large majority of the time spent face-to-face with clients either through individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, psychological assessments, crisis management, and intake assessments.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified applicants must currently be enrolled in a doctoral program in psychology and have completed all pre-doctoral coursework. Experience with the juvenile justice population is preferred, but not mandatory. Prior experience with adolescents and a desire to continue working with children, adolescents, and families is preferred. Strong writing and clinical interviewing skills are a must.

APPLYING FOR INTERNSHIP

All prospective interns should submit the following documents to following the APPIC online application process no later than November 15th:

- Letter of Intent
- APPIC Application for Psychology Internships
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of Official Transcripts
- Writing Sample
- Three letters of recommendation

SELECTION AND INTERVIEW PROCESS

Applicant materials will be reviewed upon receipt, and a selection of applicants will be invited for interviews. In-person interviews are typically conducted in January or February. For those out of state, interviews can be conducted via phone upon advanced request. RVDC agrees to abide by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant. All pre-doctoral interns will be selected through the APPIC match process. Accepted interns will be subjected to a criminal background check prior to beginning their internship year.

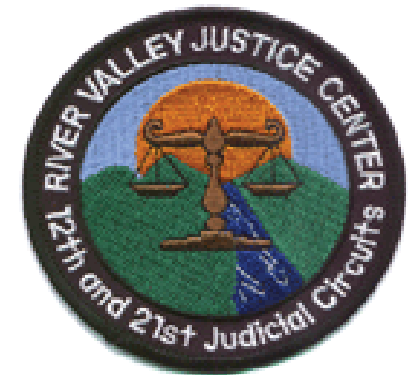
Further site-specific questions should be directed to :

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**RIVER VALLEY
DETENTION
CENTER**

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ABOUT RIVER VALLEY DETENTION CENTER

River Valley Detention Center is a 102 bed facility located in Joliet, Illinois. Serving both Will and Kankakee counties, RVDC is a temporary detention center for male and female juveniles between the ages of ten and eighteen awaiting Court decisions on their cases. RVDC emphasizes access to mental and physical health care, education, recreation, and religious services. While detained in the secure facility, the youth participate in the Juvenile Education Program, as well as a wide variety of programming conducted by the juvenile detention staff, the Mental Health Team, religious groups, and community social service groups.

The Mental Health Team at RVDC is comprised of licensed clinical psychologists, licensed clinical social worker, post-doctoral fellow, pre-doctoral interns, and several advanced externs and diagnostic externs. The RVDC mental health team provides weekly individual and group therapy for youth, Court-ordered inpatient and outpatient family therapy, psychological and psychosexual assessment, as well as crisis management.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the River Valley Mental Health Team is to promote the emotional, social, and psychological well-being of residents and to facilitate change within a safe, structured, encouraging environment, while remaining sensitive to cultural and individual diversity.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM GOALS

The overall goals of the training program are intended to help interns transition from trainees to entry level psychologists. This is accomplished through the provision of clinical services to youth and their families who are involved in the juvenile justice system. Through their experiences, interns receive training and become proficient in the specific domains listed below:

- Clinical assessment
- Clinical intervention
- Diversity
- Psychology and juvenile justice
- Professional Development
- Ethical and professional behavior
- Consultation, training, and supervision



INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

- Weekly individual and group therapy with youth detained at River Valley Detention Center
- Inpatient family therapy when ordered by the Court
- Outpatient individual and family therapy for Court involved youth and families
- Court-ordered psychological testing for youth who are detained
- Outpatient psychological testing with Court-involved youth
- Crisis management for detained youth
- Daily assessment of stability for youth on special detention status, such as suicide watch or segregation
- Completion of a clinical interview/intake with each detained youth
- Training detention staff on mental health-related topics
- Consultation
- Supervision of doctoral level practicum students completing their externships at RVDC
- Individual supervision with two licensed clinical psychologists
- Group supervision with Mental Health Team
- Didactics.