

Postdoctoral Fellowship with the Center for Childhood Resilience

2025 - 2027



The Center for Childhood Resilience

The Center for Childhood Resilience (CCR) in the Pritzker Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago is recruiting for a **full-time 2-year postdoctoral fellowship beginning July 2025**. CCR develops, evaluates, and disseminates mental health best practices to promote systems change and to increase access and reduce mental health disparities where kids live, learn and play. Founded in 2004, CCR is a regional organization and an experienced leader in working with education, community-based and other youth serving agencies. CCR is committed to increasing access to high quality mental health services and prevention programming for youth throughout Illinois and nationwide. This commitment is achieved through professional development, innovation, investigation, and advocacy. CCR's multi-disciplinary teams collaborate with schools and other youth serving organizations in historically marginalized and under-resourced communities to provide trainings, consultation, supported implementation, advocacy, policy reform, and research that advances mental health services and builds strong communities. CCR engages in a range of training and research activities at the prevention, early intervention and intensive, targeted intervention levels. Our work prepares adults working with youth to provide appropriate social-emotional supports for children and adolescents to reduce or prevent mental health problems and promote resilience and well-being. Examples of these supports include the behavioral health teaming structures to support appropriate referrals and linkage to mental health supports, training coaches to implement programs promoting early relational health in preschools, and providing training and technical assistance to school social workers and counselors on empirically supported group interventions that address trauma, anxiety, behavioral struggles, and stress related to immigration in kindergarten through 12th grade. CCR team members also serve on many city and state task forces and committees to implement public policy in support of youth mental health.

Postdoctoral Fellowship

Recruitment is for a post-doctoral fellow with primary interests in school mental health (kindergarten through 12th grade). The post-doctoral fellowship is a 2-year commitment during which the fellow devotes approximately 50% of their time to CCR activities and 50% to clinical outpatient activities in the Pritzker Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health. CCR activities include training in implementation science, school- and community consultation, and an opportunity to learn and implement at least one school-based empirically supported group intervention. Fellows are expected to develop research ideas, conduct research and participate in CCR scholarship, and to engage in advocacy activities. Clinical outpatient activities might include specialized training in early childhood, anxiety, depression, ADHD, suicide prevention, trauma, or any number of other areas. Fellows will have the opportunity to specialize in areas of interest. Ample supervision aligned with licensure in clinical psychology is provided. Multiple professional development opportunities exist including but not limited to participation in 1) CCR lab meetings, 2) student-led brown bag series, 3) race and equity discussion meetings, 4) research mentorship of undergraduate and PhD students, 5) a monthly Postdoctoral Professional Development Seminar with all department psychology fellows, and 6) a year-long supervision training seminar including supervised supervision of Northwestern University practicum students. Fellows have access to a variety of multidisciplinary educational offerings through the department, Lurie Children's, and Northwestern University. The second year of the post-doctoral fellowship includes a larger percentage of time devoted to CCR activities with further development of the Fellow's own research and training interests. Clinical time during the second year is geared towards completing the necessary hours for Illinois licensure.

Qualified applicants will have a PhD/PsyD in psychology from an APA- or CPA-approved graduate program and completion of an APA-accredited pre-doctoral internship. Preference is given to applicants from APA-accredited clinical programs who have extensive training in both clinical and research areas of child psychology.

Benefits

Salary is commensurate with NIH guidelines. As employees of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, all fellows receive a competitive benefits package including medical, dental, and vision coverage and paid time off. Paid time off includes 22 personal or sick days and eight national holidays. In addition, fellows are provided five professional leave days (conferences, job interviews). Fellows may request reimbursement of up to \$750 annually to support attendance and presentations at national conferences. Our fellows are supported by a shared administrative professional who assists with scheduling, nonclinical patient communication, and a variety of other administrative tasks. Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago pre-employment requirements include health screen and drug testing before employment begins. The preferred start date is July 1, 2025 and is flexible.

The Institution

Our training program is located within Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, a 350+ bed pediatric tertiary care hospital on Northwestern University's downtown campus. It is the pediatric training facility for the Feinberg School of Medicine and as a major teaching and treatment center it attracts a diverse patient population from all socioeconomic classes in Chicago, its suburbs, and surrounding states. The Pritzker Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences offers comprehensive mental health care to children and families through Outpatient Services, the Consult Service, the Partial Hospitalization Program, the Inpatient Psychiatry Unit, and a range of specialized programs in pediatric, clinical child, and community mental health services. We are a growing multidisciplinary department of psychiatry, social work and over 40 psychologists. Considerable staff time and facilities are invested throughout the institution in the training of students from many disciplines.

General information about the Pritzker Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago can be found on the web site: www.luriechildrens.org. Information on CCR can be found at www.childhoodresilience.org. For a complete list of our faculty, clinical interests, and educational backgrounds please click [here](#). For additional information on faculty research interests and publications, please click [here](#).

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Lurie Children's recognizes the impact of systemic, cultural, social, and economic factors on children and families, and values the diverse identities that build and enrich our hospital and the broader Chicago community. We are committed to welcoming colleagues from varied backgrounds because we believe that diversity strengthens the collective fabric of our medical center and fulfills our commitment to address the structural health disparities in the medical care of children. We seek colleagues who share this perspective, consider it important to their professional identity, and are representative of the families and children we serve.

Application Process

Applications will be reviewed as received and will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants should submit 1) a cover letter detailing relevant training and experiences and your postdoctoral professional development goals, 2) an updated curriculum vitae, and 3) two letters of recommendation. The letters of recommendation may be sent with the application or separately by the letter writer. Please email all application materials to the Director of Training, Kelly Walker Lowry, Ph.D. at klowry@luriechildrens.org with the subject: "CCR Post-doctoral fellowship (your name)." CCR faculty who can provide additional information include Tali Raviv, Ph.D at traviv@luriechildrens.org and Caroline Kerns, Ph.D. at ckerns@luriechildrens.org.

For questions regarding the Fellowship Program, please contact the Psychology Training Program Coordinator, Lymaries Velez by email at lvelez@luriechildrens.org or by telephone at 312-227-3410.