Thank you for your interest in clinical training with Crisis Support Services of Alameda County (CSS). Certified by the American Association of Suicidology, CSS has three therapy programs: Older Adult, Grief, and School Based. In addition, our clinical interns support our 24-hour crisis line.

Responsibilities of therapists include assessment, diagnosis, and development of treatment plans for individuals, couples, and families with the utilization of supervision. Applicants who are accepted can expect to carry a full client caseload. In addition, everyone will do one 4-hour shift on the agency’s 24-hour telephone crisis line each week. Interns will also attend weekly individual supervision and one weekly group supervision as assigned. It is also a requirement that interns complete didactic trainings and follow all record keeping protocols established by the agency.

The Agency’s supervisors come from richly varied clinical backgrounds. CSS offers ongoing training and supervision to the supervisors. Given the Program’s distinct clinical settings, a variety of treatment modalities are utilized which are contingent upon the specific needs of the client(s), the individual supervisor’s orientation and the intern’s areas of interest.

CSS is looking for persons who are level-headed in crisis situations, committed to personal and professional growth, are able to view their clinical work through a social justice lens, are reliable, and open to their own personal growth. Interns who successfully complete our program gain valuable skills that will serve them for their entire professional lives.

To apply for our training program, please complete and submit the following application, letters of recommendation and your resume.
CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
P.O. Box 3120, Oakland, CA 94609
FAX: 510-420-2461
TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name

Best phone number:

Address

City

Zip

Email

Best time to reach you

Education (highest level completed or degree in progress)

Currently Enrolled at: Planned Graduation Date:

Intern # __________________________ Number of Licensing Hours Currently Completed: ___

occupation __________________________ Number of hours worked per week

Employer ___________________________________ Employer’s Phone # __________________________

Employer’s address ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Describe any past clinical work

Special skills or certificates

Language(s) Spoken

Do you have access to an automobile? Yes No Auto insurance? Yes No
Please complete these questions:

Why are you interested in our program at this time?

What are your goals as an intern with Crisis Support Services?

Can you describe any relevant experience?

Can you share your experience working with clients from diverse cultural backgrounds?

Signature of Applicant Date _____________________________
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HIPAA COMPLIANCE

I agree to hold in confidence all information regarding callers and clients of Crisis Support Services of Alameda County (“CSS”). I will not violate the confidential relationships between and among CSS, its volunteers, Board of Trustees, staff, and callers and clients. I will maintain privacy regulations under the umbrella of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). I will not remove from the offices of CSS any written client records or any other information without the explicit consent of the Executive Director.

I accept full responsibility for maintaining the confidential and private nature of all client records and information. This applies to all forms of communications including phone conversations, emails, faxing, and social media technology. Social media technology includes, but is not limited to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc. I understand that I am personally liable for any violation of this agreement. Violation of the law concerning confidentiality subjects the person releasing the information to a minimum of five hundred dollars ($500) in civil damages, as set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5350.

California law requires that certain information regarding child or elder abuse, potential violence and/or homicidal threats to others be reported to mandated agencies. As a result of our compliance with these requirements, or in response to a court order or search warrant, it is possible that client/volunteer conversations may become a part of some other agency’s records.

If compelled or mandated to provide information about a client, CSS will attempt to keep the last names of volunteers private and not release them with the records. In no case will the last name of a volunteer be released for a judicial purpose without first informing the volunteer of the request.

Section 215 of the Patriot Act precludes counselors from informing clients regarding requests for and the release of records requested by the FBI.

Print Name __________________________ Signature Date __________________
List the names, addresses and phone numbers of two persons who are well acquainted with your clinical work (clinical supervisors, professors, volunteer supervisors or employers). Do not provide the names of friends, acquaintances or relatives.

Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Title: 

Relationship to you: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number(s): ___________________________ _________________________________ __________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

The above-listed persons have agreed to provide a Letter of Reference for you (see form attached) and are willing to discuss your qualifications. Yes No

Name: 

Title: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Relationship to you: 

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number(s): ___________________________ _________________________________ __________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

The above-listed persons have agreed to provide a Letter of Reference for you (see form attached) and are willing to discuss your qualifications. Yes No

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P.O. Box 3120, Oakland CA 94609

LETTER OF REFERENCE

(Applicants: Please furnish a copy of this form to each of your references)
As part of the application process for the Clinical Training Program of Crisis Support Services of Alameda County (CSS), applicants are asked to supply letters of reference from at least two professional associates. These letters are used to help assess the applicant’s qualifications for the program.

Please complete this form by describing the following items:

1. The agency or organization with which you and the applicant are/were affiliated and, if applicable, the type of mental health services provided.

2. The nature and extent of your contact with the applicant, including frequency and amount of time, kinds of cases, etc.

3. Assessment of applicant’s experience with diverse populations.

4. Applicant’s ability to work as a team


7. Areas needing development.

8. Some estimate of how the applicant compares with others of their background and training (e.g., fair, good, very good, or outstanding).

9. Specific comments that would help us decide whether the applicant is an appropriate candidate for our Clinical Training Program.

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Signature Phone Number Date

Thank you for your assistance. Letters of Reference are confidential and will not be disclosed to the applicant. This Letter of Reference should be sent directly to Andrea Henderson, LCSW c/o Crisis Support Services, P.O. Box 3120, Oakland CA 94609