Compass Health Network

FIND YOUR PATH

Compass Health Network is dedicated to pursuing educational enrichment, collaboration and study, and offers numerous opportunities for internships, practicums, and clinical rotations. These opportunities are mentored experiences in which a practicing therapist, counselor, or clinical supervisor volunteers to give personal instruction, training, and supervision to a student. This experience offers an opportunity to get to know a particular field of study, understand the realities of the career, discover likes and dislikes, and to experience a workplace setting.

Core Training Opportunities

1. Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
   a. Integration with other health service providers, including:
      i. Psychiatric/medication management
      ii. Community based behavioral services and support
2. Individual and group therapy with children, adolescents, and adults
   a. Possible opportunities for couples or family therapy when available
3. Psychological assessment and testing
4. Substance Use Disorder Treatment
   a. Group and Individual Treatment programs
5. Research experience with the Compass Research Institute and IRB
6. Engagement with our Accessibility and Inclusion Committee

Opportunities Specific to Columbia

1. Substance Use Disorder Treatment
   a. Drug Court
   b. CSTAR
2. School-based therapy
3. Access to ADOS-2 training
4. Ability to provide services in a 24-hour Crisis Access Point in Jefferson City, MO

A little about the area ...

Columbia, Missouri in Boone County is an area full of rich history, an array of arts and culture and home to an engaged and friendly community.

- Population: 123,180
- 81 city parks and trails
- Over 150 restaurant choices
- 4 colleges and universities
- 88 degrees -- average high (July)
- 21 degrees -- average low (January)
- Sustainable living options
- Vibrant downtown
- First Fridays art and culture celebrations

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Dr. Michaela Muehlbach

Deputy Chief Clinical Officer of Outpatient and Psychological Services

Dr. Muehlbach earned her degree in Clinical Psychology in 2011 at Forest Institute of Professional Psychology, receiving her Masters en route (with certificates in Integrated Health Care (IHC) and Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT)). She completed her internship and post-doctoral residency at Pathways Community Health (now Compass Health Network) in Rolla, MO. Dr. Muehlbach has training and experience in a variety of settings, including inpatient hospitals, residential substance abuse treatment, CMHCs, CCBHCs, and FQHCs. She has developed specialty interest in psychological assessment, diagnostics, and whole person care. Dr. Muehlbach currently serves as Deputy Chief Clinical Officer (DCCO) of Outpatient and Psychological Services, and also provides ongoing clinical supervision to advanced doctoral and master level psychology students.

Dr. Tosha Larson

Psychologist

Dr. Larson earned her degree in Counseling Psychology in 2012 at University of Oklahoma. She completed her internship at University of Memphis, and post-doctoral residency at Jackson Psychological Services with an emphasis in Psychological Assessment. She currently serves as the Director of Outpatient Services for the Nevada and El Dorado Springs Offices. She also serves as the Director of Psychology. Her home office is in Raymore, a suburb of Kansas City.

Dr. Larson has training and experience in a variety of settings, including community mental health, university counseling, residential treatment, inpatient, and private practice. She has developed specialty interest in psychological assessment, working with children and adults. This experience is broad and captures specialty assessment skills including disability and autism spectrum disorder assessment. She has had the opportunity to act as a supervisor to interns, advanced doctoral, and master level practicum students. She has experience providing individual, family, group, couples, and career counseling. Her theoretical orientation is eclectic, but emphasizes aspects of interpersonal, cognitive-behavioral, and person-centered approaches, while employing a multicultural lens to further understand her clients.

Dr. Larson is passionate about issues of diversity, activism, and social justice. She is a member of the Accessibility and Inclusion Committee at Compass Health, which evaluates the organization's level of cultural proficiency, provides training for all employees regarding the value of a diverse workforce, and works with diverse populations to reduce barriers to access service.

Dr. Jessica Ashley

Director of Outpatient Services

Dr. Ashley earned her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology in 2016 at Wright Institute, receiving her Masters in Marriage and Family en route. She completed her internship and post-doctoral residency at Compass Health Network in Rolla and Columbia, MO. She identifies as a Generalist and has experience providing psychological assessment and therapy in a variety of settings, including community mental health, college counseling, and private practice. Her specialty interest is in psychological assessment with all ages, for a variety of presenting issues, with specialty training areas including autism spectrum assessment, DBT, couples therapy, and neurofeedback. Her theoretical orientation can be described as Systemic in theory and CBT in practice. Dr. Ashley has been providing supervision since 2017 and recently began serving as a Director of Outpatient Services.

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Dr. Daniel Franco
Psychologist

Dr. Daniel Franco is a licensed psychologist who has been with Compass Health since 2019. Dr. Franco received his BA in Psychology at the University of Notre Dame, and was a varsity letterman for the Notre Dame Football athletics program. He earned his MS and PhD in Counseling Psychology at the University of Kansas, with an emphasis in Sport Psychology, individual therapy, and psychological/neurodevelopmental testing with adolescent and college-student populations. Dr. Franco received his internship training at the Oklahoma Health Consortium, completing rotations through the University Counseling Center (Goddard Health) and OU Athletics Department (Psychological Resources for Oklahoma Student-athletes). He received his post-doctoral residency training at the MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders. The majority of Dr. Franco's clinical work entails testing services for Autism, ADHD, and neurodevelopmental disorders for children, young adult, and adult populations. Dr. Franco takes an integrative approach to client conceptualizations that is heavily grounded in the Contextual Model of psychotherapy. His primary modalities include CBT, ACT, IPT, SFT, and MI when formulating treatment interventions. Dr. Franco also provides clinical supervision and vertical supervision for postdoctoral trainees.

Dr. Neha Batool
Psychologist

Dr. Batool earned her doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology in 2021 at the University of North Dakota. She completed her internship at Compass Health Network in Columbia, MO and is currently completing her post-doctoral residency. Dr. Batool embodies a multicultural and integrative approach in providing clinical supervision, psychotherapy, and testing services. Her passion for research and advocacy is centered around the issue of forced marriages in the United States and its lack of awareness in the field of mental health. Through her dissertation research, she hopes to advocate for reconceptualizing forced marriages beyond race, age, culture, and religion to effectively address serious mental health challenges and stigma against immigrant communities.