About Montclair State University

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction, and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today's dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

About the College of Education and Human Services

With a more than 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing a graduate education:

- Outstanding and innovative graduate programs in the education and human services fields with nationally-recognized faculty and accreditation;
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our graduate population;
- Flexible study for both full-time students and working professionals, including weekend, accelerated, and Web-enhanced course options;
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College’s home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University’s history.

Consultation and Professional Development Services
Overview

The Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health (CAECMH) serves as a center for professional development, education, clinical services and research around the issues of autism, infant and childhood development, and early childhood mental health. The Center is anchored in a multidisciplinary, developmental approach to meet the needs of infants, children and their families, and is supported by theoretical, research-based methods and clinical application. The work of the Center is based on the central role of social-emotional/mental health development at the core of developmental and educational progress and incorporates strategies to integrate mental health and “relationship-based” approaches to development and education. All professional development, consultation and clinical services incorporate the remarkable advances in the neurosciences. In our professional development and clinical services, we honor the work of Selma Fraiberg, Thea Bry, and Dr. Stanley Greenspan.

Programs and Services

Consultation and Professional Development on Autism Spectrum Disorder:

Center staff and Affiliate Faculty Members offer consultation services, seminars, workshops and training sessions for schools, community agencies, health care facilities and other organizations regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder. The shift towards an inclusive, multidisciplinary approach to the assessment and treatment of persons with autism requires that professional development programs provide current and comprehensive training and consultation services to meet these needs. The Center provides educators, clinicians and other professionals with the insights and skills to use a more complete, integrated and inclusive approach to helping persons with autism and their families.

Consultation and Professional Development on Social-Emotional Learning and Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health:

The inclusion of social-emotional learning curricula in the classroom is emerging as beneficial and essential to creating a positive school community. The Center’s infant and early childhood mental health consultation and professional development services are organized around three central themes:

1. Integrating infant, child and family mental health principles into the nature of all services
2. Enhancing an understanding of “relationship-based” services as critical to all professional developmental, caregiving, educational and therapeutic services
3. Promoting the importance of “reflective practices” in all services

The Center staff and Affiliate Faculty Members offer a variety of seminars, workshops and training sessions around infant and early childhood mental health for educators, administrators and allied educational and therapeutic professionals, including psychologists, counselors, and social workers.

In addition, the Center, working in conjunction with staff from Youth Consultation Service, are providers of Zippy’s Friends, an international school-based mental health promotion curriculum for 5-7 year olds now offered in 28 countries, and endorsed by the World Health Organization. This 24-session curriculum is taught by educators, and is under review by SAMHSA for inclusion in the National Registry for Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP). The Center is the only authorized provider of this curriculum in the United States.

For further information

Please visit our website for information about other Center programs, including Community Clinical Services and academic certificate programs in autism and early childhood mental health.

http://cehs.montclair.edu/academic/ca

Contact:

If you are (1) from a school or district; (2) from a community or health organization; (3) an educational or human services professional; or (4) a parent of a child with autism and would like to discuss opportunities for consultation or professional development, please contact us.

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