

# HARRIS EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM RECRUITMENT FOR 2010-2011

Early Childhood Mental Health Program • Early Intervention Services  
Division of Mental Health & Child Development

**Post Graduate Training Program:** Early Childhood Mental Health

**Who Should Attend:** Early childhood mental health clinicians and professionals who provide relationship-based services for children 0-5

**Curriculum:** Aligned with the California Training Guidelines and Personnel Competencies for Infant-Family and Early Childhood Mental Health Providers.

Trainees who complete the program requirements will be eligible for endorsement under this system.

**When:** 2010-2011 training year: September 2010 - June 2011

**How to Apply:** To obtain a copy of the recruitment letter and application form, or for additional information, email Lorraine Watts at [LOWatts@mail.cho.org](mailto:LOWatts@mail.cho.org) or (510) 428-8424

**Application Deadline:** April 30, 2010.

**Directed by:** Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Program

First 5 Alameda County—Every Child Counts (ECC)

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services Agency.

The **Irving B. Harris Early Childhood Mental Health Training Program** is an innovative post-graduate training program for early childhood mental health clinicians and other professionals who provide relationship-based services to children 0-5 and their families. The training program, established in 2000, is directed by the Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Program in collaboration with First 5 Alameda County—Every Child Counts (ECC) and the Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services Agency.

The program provides in-depth training for individuals that are committed to providing a continuum of relationship-based services to infants, young children and their families. The program has been developed as an applied training program for new and experienced mental health clinicians, along with other practitioners from a variety of disciplines who are working with infants, young children and their families. The curriculum is aligned with the California Training Guidelines and Personnel Competencies for Infant-Family and Early Childhood Mental Health Providers. Trainees who complete the program requirements will be eligible for endorsement under this system.

The 2010-2011 training year begins September 2010 and ends in June 2011.

## Goals of the Harris Early Childhood Mental Health Training Program

- To provide specialized training in infant and early childhood mental health to licensed or license-eligible mental health professionals who are working with children 0-5 and their families in a variety of settings, including home and community, Training is for those providing direct services or supervision and program direction.
- To provide training to practitioners such as social workers, nurses, early care and education providers, early interventionists, and others providing services to children 0-5 and their families who want more in-depth knowledge about children's social-emotional

development and parent-child interaction, as well as to build skills in relationship-based approaches and reflective practice.

- To support agencies that wish to develop, enhance or expand their capacity to provide preventive intervention and infant and early childhood mental health treatment services to children 0-5 and their families.

### **Year 1 Program**

Provides trainees with a combination of interactive didactic instruction and clinical process training, which include:

- A three-hour seminar that meets twice a month. Several community conclaves with keynote speakers throughout the training year
- Bi-monthly individual reflective supervision
- Bi-monthly Bridging Theory-to-Practice group sessions

### **Year 2 Program**

Year 2 provides opportunities to expand knowledge and skills, as well as deepen connections and professional relationships that serve to build a strong infant and early childhood mental health community. The time commitment is less intensive. Year 2 includes:

- Three “All-Year 2” sessions
- Bi-monthly small group meetings
- Bi-monthly individual supervision

### **Year 2 Program—Mental Health Consultation: Partnering with Early Care and Education**

This specialty training group is designed for mental health providers who work in agencies that provide mental health consultation services to early care and education, focusing on the social, emotional, behavioral, and developmental needs of young children, ages 0-5, in early care and education programs.

- Three “All-Year 2” sessions
- Bi-monthly small group meetings

### **Optional Year 3 Program**

The Clinical Consultation group is designed for Harris graduates providing infant mental health services to families and includes:

- Advanced training
- Monthly case conferences
- Continued group clinical support for practitioners

CEUs are available. Deadline for submittal of application is April 30, 2010.

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