

Student Intervention Team



September 2013 Newsletter **WELCOME BACK!**

Program Highlights 2013-14

- * We currently have over 60 incoming Interns (MFTT, MFTI, PCCI, ASW, MSW and BSW), which is the equivalent of at least 35 full time employees
- * Interns are placed at approximately 50 schools throughout the district
- * 47 interns are coming from 13 different Universities
- * 23 of the interns are either MFTIs or ASWs (post master's interns)
- * Approximately 38 SFUSD employees will be providing some level of on-site supervision to interns
- * Student Intervention Team is now a certified Continuing Education Provider
- * All 5 Clinical Supervisors have returned for this school year

Program Updates

We are gearing up for another fabulous school year here at SIT! There have been a few changes over the summer that we would like to share.

For starters, we said good-bye to our amazing Program Administrator, Kristen Edmonston. Her guidance and direction will definitely be missed and we wish her luck in her new role as Lead Pediatric Behaviorist with the Department of Public Health at the Southeast Clinic in Bayview Hunters Point. She works with the Primary Care Physicians at the clinics to screen, triage, and coordinate care for children, youth and their families. In addition, she administers developmental screenings to identify potential issues related to speech/language, autism, developmental delay, ADHD, depression, substance abuse, etc. Kristen will

also be working closely with other systems of care, including CBHS and SFUSD. So, keep an eye out for her!

Another staff departure over the summer was Samantha Martinez, SIT Administrative Assistant. She took a new position as the Administrative Assistant to the Marketing and PR managers as well as to the VP of Revenue with Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants. She oversees each manager's calendar, the department's budgets and expense entries. In addition to building relationships and communicating with the hotel and restaurant employees, she also arranges meetings and conference calls with outside vendors.

Both women will be missed and we wish them both the best!

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A Little Something about the SIT Clinical Supervisors

Janet Frost, LCSW, PPSC

Janet has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker since 1979 and has worked for SFUSD since 1987. She was a consultant with the District's middle schools on systemic change issues, crafted the Internship Program for the District and is the founding member of the Student Intervention/SB1985 Team. She specializes in clinical supervision for school mental health professionals and supervises SFUSD employees and interns as well as therapists in other school districts and agencies. Her chief goal is to help interns learn how to provide outstanding clinical service in a school setting.

Toni Nemia, MFT, LPCC

Toni has been a Licensed MFT with a private practice in San Francisco since 1990. She retired from SFUSD in 1998 with a 29 year history as a high school reading specialist and mental health services coordinator. As a clinical supervisor, she facilitates the assignment, supervision, and training for interns who provided counseling to a K-12 population at a range of SFUSD school sites. Dedicated to the principles of equity and social justice in education and psychotherapy, she firmly believes that students have a better chance of accessing school curriculum when psychosocial needs are addressed.

Keith Lawrence Wong, MFT, PPSC

Keith is a graduate of San Francisco State University and has worked for SFUSD since 2000. He is a Licensed MFT and has experience working with children and families in a private practice setting, and with San Francisco Community Behavioral Health. He has extensive experience in training and program development and has been a mentor for the Learning Support Professionals/School Social Workers in our District. Keith joined the SIT team in 2007. He advocates a whole child approach with eclectic interventions to help our youth succeed.

Lori Swihart, LCSW, PPSC

Lori graduated from Sacramento State in 1997 with a Masters in Social Work and received her LCSW in 2010. She has extensive experience working with children in a variety of settings, including foster care, mental health, medical and school social work. She became an employee with San Francisco Unified School District as a school social worker in 2005 and remained in that position until 2012 when she joined the Student Intervention Team as a Clinical Supervisor. Lori is passionate about the internship program as she wants to provide a rich learning environment for the interns to further develop their clinical skills.

Carrie Tanabe, MFT, PPSC

Carrie began her training as a Marriage and Family Therapist for San Francisco Unified School District in 2000. She has worked extensively with children and families in the San Francisco community, providing counseling and clinical services. In her time at SFUSD, she has worked as a School Social Worker and as a Mentor School Social Worker, gaining extensive experience in both program development and training. Currently, as a Clinical Supervisor of interns, Carrie is committed to providing interns with a valuable learning experience, fostering their professional growth, so that they, in turn, can positively impact children and families in our community.

SIT Trainings:

- *Student Intervention Team, Foster Youth Services and School Counseling Orientation.* Weds., August 28, 2013 and Thurs., August 29, 2013. 1515 Quintara Street 8:15AM-4:00PM.

RAMS Trainings (Location: 3626 Balboa Street, SF):

- *Working with CPS and Child Crisis.* Friday, September 6, 2013, 9-11am.
- *Cultural Formulations.* Friday, September 13, 2013, 9-10:45am
- *Working on Self Esteem Issues with Adolescents.* Friday, September 20, 2013, 9-10:45am.

