

Now Hiring: Outpatient Clinical Psychologists

Seeking Qualified Candidates

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, located in Atlanta, Georgia, is adding seven outpatient clinical pediatric psychologists to our behavioral and mental health program. These are full-time positions split between direct clinical care and administrative time. Psychologists are eligible for faculty appointment through the Emory University School of Medicine, if desired. Rank is commensurate with experience. Both early career and experienced psychologists are invited to apply.

Qualifications include:

- PhD or PsyD from an APA/CPA accredited program
- Completion of an APA accredited child internship
- Licensed or license-eligible in Georgia
- Must obtain board certification within hospital timelines

Psychologists work closely with child and adolescent psychiatrists, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners, behavioral and mental health therapists (LCSWs and LPCs) and nurse case managers to develop and implement a comprehensive care plan for each patient. Psychologists participate in the training of psychology doctoral interns and postdoctoral fellows as well other behavioral and mental health trainees. Suitable candidates will have a dedication to promoting and offering culturally sensitive and inclusive approaches to assessment as well fostering inclusion, diversity and belonging within the Children's community. Children's strives to meet the healthcare needs of all patients, regardless of their socioeconomic status and insurance coverage.

Behavioral and Mental Health at Children's

Behavioral and mental health is a rapidly growing service line seeing patients within Children's three Emergency Departments and hospitals and across the spectrum of care of outpatient clinics, including the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Zalik Behavioral and Mental Health Center.

The Zalik Center provides a balance of prevention and outpatient treatment services. It serves as a central location for Children's providers and community partners to come together to deliver evidence-based care to kids throughout Georgia, and it will allow us to advance a statewide ecosystem for the support and protection of kids' healthy mind and brain development.

- The behavioral and mental health program is a co-recipient of an HRSA grant. This grant, through the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), aims to lead a five-year effort to coordinate increased access to pediatric mental health services. A particular focus is reaching underserved communities through telehealth-based health integration in pediatric primary care in Georgia.
- In 2022, our team cared for more than 16,700 patients with a primary behavioral and mental health diagnosis.
- In 2022, our team completed 4,950 psychiatric assessments in our Emergency Departments to better understand the needs of our patients.

Why Children's?

A trusted leader in pediatric healthcare for more than 100 years, Children's is continually recognized as one of the nation's leading pediatric care providers by U.S. News & World Report, with many of our specialty programs ranking among the best in the nation. We are also one of the largest pediatric healthcare systems in the country, with 673 licensed beds and more than 1.1 million patient visits annually. Through our academic partnership with Emory University—ranked No. 1 nationally in NIH funding for pediatric departments—we actively participate in clinical studies aimed to advance pediatric medicine and transform the way we care for kids and teens. More than 500 of our psychologists and physicians hold titles at both independent institutions.

Make Atlanta Your Home

As a psychologist, you have special considerations when it comes to putting down roots. Atlanta offers the professional environment you need to further your practice—and the cultural and social environment that you want for yourself and your family.

- This is a diverse city, which means your patients will come from a variety of cultural, religious, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- As the only freestanding pediatric health system in Georgia, Children's patient volumes are high, and our referral base is large.
- Atlanta has a lower cost of living than many other major cities, and it is consistently ranked among the top places to move to in the country.
- The Atlanta community is known for its walkable neighborhoods, thriving arts and culture scene, pro sports teams, as well as its many green spaces and sunny weather.

Clinical Child Psychologist - Autism and Comorbid Conditions Therapy

The psychologist will work within our outpatient clinics, treating anxiety and depression in children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Individual and group therapy will focus on treating anxiety and depression as well as strengthening social skills. The psychologist will participate in program development and conduct autism assessments. Candidates should have experience with use of cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) with patients with ASD.

Clinical Child Psychologist - Eating Disorders

The psychologist will work within our outpatient clinics, as well as possibly within a medical stabilization inpatient service. Within these environments, evidence-based evaluation and treatment of a diverse population of children is provided for a range of eating disorders, including anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, atypical anorexia and avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder (ARFID). The psychologist will participate in program development and lead a combination of individual, family and group therapy treatment. The psychologist can independently perform procedures, collect and analyze clinical data and make decisions regarding patient care (e.g., initial screening, assessment, diagnosis and prognosis). Candidates should have experience with evidence-based treatment for eating disorders including family-based treatment (FBT) and CBT; experience with dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT) and acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) would be preferred.

Clinical Child Psychologist - Family Therapy

The psychologist will work within our outpatient clinics, supporting families using systemic interventions. Assessment and treatment will focus on the improvement of family processes, parent-child relationships and sibling relationships through psychoeducation and skill development, using a developmental approach and strengths-based work. Children and adolescents within the family often demonstrate symptoms related to disruptive behavior, anxiety, depression and trauma and may also receive individual therapy. Candidates with a strong background in the application of functional family therapy (FFT), parent-child interaction therapy (PCIT) and/or child-parent psychotherapy (CPP) preferred.

Clinical Child Psychologist - OCD and Anxiety Disorders

The psychologist will work within our outpatient clinics, providing treatments such as CBT, exposure and response prevention (ERP), acceptance and ACT, habit reversal training and other cognitive or behavioral based interventions. Additionally, the psychologist will conduct family-based interventions with caregivers and maintain collateral contacts with educators and other providers, as needed. For this role, Children's is seeking a clinical psychologist with experience in using evidenced-based care to treat anxiety, OCD and related disorders, including panic disorder, social and specific phobias, separation anxiety and body focused repetitive behaviors in children and teens. Candidates with a strong background in the application of CBT preferred.

Clinical Child Psychologist - Psychological Assessment

The psychologist will work within our outpatient clinics, providing assessments for patients referred by outpatient behavioral mental health providers to assist with differential diagnosis and treatment planning. Patients range from ages 4 to 21 years old with diagnostic referral questions associated with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorders (ADHD), intellectual disabilities and ASD. Additionally, the psychologist will consult with school professionals, as needed. For this role, Children's is seeking a clinical psychologist with experience in using evidenced-based assessment of neurodevelopmental disorders. Candidates with knowledge of school-based special education eligibilities preferred.

Outpatient Clinical Psychologist - Mood Dysregulation

The psychologist will treat mood dysregulation in children and teens within our outpatient clinics. Our interdisciplinary team provides outpatient care to meet the acute mental health needs of children and teens who have recently sought acute/urgent care for their symptoms. Our clinic aims to provide short-term pharmacotherapy, individual and group psychotherapy, parent training and case management for patients recently discharged from an acute psychiatric care setting (emergency department or inpatient psychiatric unit) or Children's inpatient care. Candidates with a strong background in the application of DBT within acute populations preferred.

Pediatric Psychologist - Outpatient Clinic

The psychologist will have a primarily outpatient case load and will accept referrals from several medical subspecialties within our system, providing consultation, assessment and behavioral health interventions related to coping/adjustment, physical symptom management, adherence, comorbid mood and anxiety symptoms and other behavioral health concerns impacting care and quality of life for youth with chronic health conditions and behavioral health needs. Outpatient services will occur in co-located and integrated care clinics. The successful candidate will have experience with evidence-based assessment and treatment including diagnostic interviewing, behavioral and cognitive-behavioral interventions for the treatment of physical symptoms, working with families and multidisciplinary treatment.

Interested in working with us? Get in touch.

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