



## **Early Childhood & School-Aged MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST Needed on Interdisciplinary Team**

Join our team at The Center for Connection, founded by Dr. Tina Payne Bryson, co-author (with Dr. Dan Siegel) of two New York Times Best Sellers—The Whole-Brain Child and No-Drama Discipline—each of which has been translated into over fifty languages, as well as The Yes Brain and The Power of Showing Up.

The Center for Connection, based in Pasadena, CA, is hiring a mental health therapist. Our unique model develops integrated treatment plans, uniting multiple professionals under one roof. By collecting highly skilled professionals in various fields and offering them all in one location, we greatly improve the overall quality of care of each client, while significantly reducing the stress and anxiety on the individual and family. Our approach isn't just to make logistics more convenient, but also to promote cross-disciplinary communication in order to really understand the challenges of the client and effectively intervene. Our framework is from the lens of Interpersonal Neurobiology, where we focus on regulation and relationships, rather than behavioral compliance, and on building skills with the brain's plasticity in mind. To learn more about us, visit [www.TheCenterforConnection.org](http://www.TheCenterforConnection.org).

### **ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST POSITION**

The Early Childhood & School-Aged Mental Health Therapist provides psychotherapy services including consultations, treatment planning and implementation, and therapeutic interventions (for client populations ages 0 - 12). The position is for a full-time therapist.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES/OPPORTUNITIES**

- Provide individual and family psychotherapy to a diverse client population.
- Coordinate and collaborate with multidisciplinary professionals, both within the Center for Connection (CFC) and in the wider community.
- Participate in regular continuing education opportunities to develop and strengthen your clinical skills.
- Attending weekly meetings (on Mondays from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm) for opportunities to learn, connect with an interdisciplinary team, and receive on-going case management support and collaboration with experienced professionals. Part of what makes the Center for Connection so special is our interdisciplinary approach. Each member of our team brings with them their own areas of expertise (educational therapists, neuropsychologists, clinical psychologists, occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, psychotherapists, etc.), and together we participate in weekly meetings to lend multiple lenses of expertise to cases, support and learn from one another, and actively train with Executive Director Dr. Tina Payne Bryson.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**



- The ideal candidate will hold an MA, MS, PsyD, or PhD in Social Work, Clinical Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Psychology, or similar discipline and be fully licensed within their profession in the state of California.
- The ideal applicant would have experience, background, or training (or a willingness in learning and being trained in/pursing a practice through the lens of) attachment, interpersonal neurobiology, and intersubjectivity/relational theory, and infant mental health. Ideally, the right candidate will be motivated to familiarizing themselves with the concepts and approaches of interpersonal neurobiology and specifically Tina Bryson and Dan Siegel's works: *The Whole-Brain Child*, *No-Drama Discipline*, and *The Power of Showing Up*.
- We are particularly looking for therapists who have experience or specialization in working with young children (0-6), and older children (6-12), who experience dysregulation in home or school, learning differences, and anxiety. The ideal candidate will also have experience working with parents and families experiencing anxiety, depression, trauma, family struggles, and life transitions.
- We are open to considering a pre-licensed candidate with a year's post-graduate experience. (Supervision would be provided by one of our amazing mental health supervisors. We also have dedicated division leaders *who offer on-going support, mentorship, and advocacy, including group supervision for MH professionals, both pre-licensed and licensed*).
- Additionally, the ideal candidate will:
  - Be skilled communicating (both verbally and in written documentation) objectives of therapeutic interventions and treatment plans to our interdisciplinary team, as well as families, students, schools, and other professionals (e.g. psychiatrists, DCFS, legal professionals).
  - Have a personal and professional commitment to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.
  - Interest in and enthusiasm for working in a collaborative working environment that emphasizes a holistic, team approach to mental health and well-being.
  - Capacity to self-reflect and seek support when needed. (*The Center for Connection is at its heart a collaborative of interdisciplinary professionals who have come together in pursuit of something larger than ourselves. We understand that we're all on individual learning journeys, and that none of us are perfect. We value our team and work hard to actively cultivate a workplace culture of curiosity, mutual respect, and open and collaborative communication, as well as a workplace that encourages work/life balance and belonging.*)
  - Familiarity with collaborating with schools, both public and private, and participating in the IEP/Student Support Team process.
  - Ability to manage client billing, records, and revenue reporting via Therapy Notes (training available upon hire).
- Other preferences: We aim to provide a safe space for our work that is culturally responsive, gender- and neuro-affirming, inclusive, and accessible for both clients and



clinicians. We serve a diverse population and specialize in working with individuals and families navigating an array of complexities. For this reason, we welcome therapists from diverse backgrounds, including those candidates with a racial/social justice background and:

- Bilingual (Mandarin, Armenian, Spanish) candidates strongly encouraged to apply.
- EMDR, Havening, or other trauma processing trained/certified candidates (or a willingness to specialize in these areas)
- Candidates with DIR/Floortime experience (or willingness to specialize in these areas)
- Expertise in working with complex cases with legal involvement (divorce/separation of parents, DCFS involvement)
- Experience or training in addictions (particularly from an IPNB perspective!)
- Family therapy experience

### **COMPENSATION/BENEFITS**

- Generous compensation
- Flexible hours, setting your own schedule
- Consistent stream of referrals provided
- Comfortable and attractive office space in Pasadena, CA
- Continued training and support from Dr. Tina Payne Bryson as well as fellow colleagues from a diverse range of backgrounds
- Please visit <https://www.thecenterforconnection.org/jobs> for a full list of benefits.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please email a resume and cover letter to Ayla Dillard at [CFCHiring@TinaBryson.com](mailto:CFCHiring@TinaBryson.com) (please attach both as a Word or PDF file). Cover letter should address why the CFC would be a good fit and how you heard about us.

Final candidate subject to background check.

*The Center for Connection is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer committed to diversity and equity. As we promote connection among individuals and groups, we also celebrate differences and are committed to building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills. The more inclusive we are, the better we can serve our community, encouraging both meaningful linkage and healthy differentiation.*