

Pediatric Psychology Research Group

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Ongoing Projects in Pediatric Psychology:

1. Oncology: A collaborative study with Stanford on the psychological effects and potential benefits of the Okizu Camp on pediatric cancer patients and their families.
2. Art therapy intervention project with siblings of bone marrow transplant patients.
3. Genetics and Inborn Errors of Metabolism:
 - a) The psychological issues faced by children with maple syrup urine disease (MSUD), a collaborative study with Emory University. The next phase of this work will focus on children ages 0-5.
 - b) Gaucher and Fabry Disease: An investigation of the personality profiles and psychological characteristics of adults with Gaucher disease, type I. and of adults with Fabry Disease. This project is currently being carried out in collaboration with faculty at UCSF and Stanford.
 - c) Hunter Syndrome: Psychological and emotional problems of children, adolescents and adults with Hunter Syndrome (MPS II).
4. Bereavement Studies – impact of the death of a child on family members and impact of the death of a child on siblings. This is a collaborative study with Dr. Nigel Field of PGSP and the palliative care unit of UCSF Children’s Hospital. Pet Bereavement Study – impact of the death of a pet on family members. This is a collaborative study with Dr. Nigel Field of PGSP and Dr. Betty Carmack.
5. Children with special needs: child custody issues

Openings:

2 to 3 new members to join the pediatric psychology group in September, 2008.

Application Process:

Submit C.V. and a writing sample, via email, to Dr. Packman’s research assistants, Mary Mazaheri (marymazaheri@gmail.com) and to Joanna Wallace (jwallace@pgsp.edu).

Submit C.V. and a writing sample to Dr. Packman via email (wpackman@pgsp.edu) and by hard copy. Deadline for submission is April 11, 2008.

The writing sample is usually a paper submitted for a psychology class while a student at PGSP.

Prospective students first meet with and are interviewed by current research group members. Following meeting with students, Dr. Packman will meet and interview prospective students. If research group members and Dr. Packman agree, students are invited to join the research group. All new research group members are on probation for the first quarter and one half to ensure that there is a “good fit” between the members of the research team and with Dr. Packman.

Notification: Students accepted into research group will be notified by email or in person by May 9, 2008.

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