

## **FIELDWORK: FOSTER CARE**

**Do you have the motivation to make a significant difference in the life of a child while gaining valuable clinical knowledge and experience as well? Are you able to provide responsible, empathic, and flexible mentoring services to a boy or girl who needs your help? If so, please consider applying for this course. Many students have described this course as the best they have taken at Rutgers!**

Juniors and seniors will have an opportunity to gain one-on-one experience in serving as a **mentor** and transporter for a child or adolescent currently in foster care **for two consecutive semesters beginning in the fall**. Additionally, students will learn about the foster care system, the effects of trauma on children, and psychotherapeutic intervention with this population. Undergraduate students will partner with a graduate student from Rutgers' GSAPP on the case and receive supervision from the course instructor, a licensed psychologist. Weekly contact and progress reports ensure effective coordination and communication between the undergraduate, graduate student, and Fieldwork Supervisor/Instructor.

Students attend a **small seminar class on Thursday mornings from 9-11:40 a.m.** for training and peer consultation. Additionally, students mentor their client from central New Jersey and transport them weekly in the late afternoon/early evening to the Psychological Clinic on Busch Campus. **Mentoring activities can include recreational outings, homework help, introduction to college benefits, and being a consistent, positive role model.**

Prerequisites include: General Psychology and Infant/Child Development.

Once interviewed, reference-checked and accepted to the course, students are required to submit to a criminal background check, complete a defensive driving course, and show proof of a good driving record and auto insurance.

**If you have questions or would like to apply, please contact Harnel Paraison, [harnel.paraison@gsapp.rutgers.edu](mailto:harnel.paraison@gsapp.rutgers.edu) or call the Foster Care Counseling Project 848-445-7789.**