

# FMH/PSY 520 : Evaluation & Treatment of Court Involved Youth

This course has two emphases: evaluation and treatment. The student will be introduced to the assumptions, theories, methods and instrumentation used in the psychosocial and psycholegal evaluation of court-involved youth. Evaluation questions pertaining to child welfare, child custody, and juvenile offenders will be considered. The special ethical issues presented by practice in forensic settings are emphasized. Students will learn how to appreciate relevant clinical and legal issues, and how to communicate findings to courts and social policymakers. Additionally, students will explore treatment and intervention models for court involved youth, in both community and institutional settings. Treatment of child victims as well as youthful offenders will be addressed. Treatment and intervention models will be examined from both individual and societal perspectives.

## **Prerequisites**

PSY 575, FMH/PSY 505