Shepard Schools are NJ state-approved private school programs for classified students with behavioral and/or learning problems. We service students in middle school (grades 5-8) and high school (grades 9-12). We are located in Morristown and Kinnelon, New Jersey. Our current enrollment is comprised of over 120 high school and middle school age children. The school day operates from 8:20 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.

POPULATION SERVED
Population served are students in grades 5-12 with behavioral, emotional, and learning disabilities. Students are classified special education and sent from their public school districts to Shepard. Our population represents a wide range of psychiatric needs including, but not limited to, those associated with ADHD, HFA/Aspergers, anxiety, depression-mood, anger management difficulties, mild cognitive impairment, Tourette Syndrome, and personality difficulties. Academically, students range from those taking college prep, honors and AP courses to those who receive basic skills instruction. We also have older students (up to age 21) who attend our “School to Work” program for structured learning and job sampling. The population is diverse culturally and socioeconomically, as students attend Shepard from school districts across north-central New Jersey.

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INTERVENTIONS/SERVICES: Behavioral-mental health programming services at Shepard fall under the umbrella of our School-wide evidenced based SEL/PBS program, the “Wolf Program”. Wolf Program services include counseling (individual, group, crisis), comprehensive social skills instruction, implementation of school wide behavioral modification point system, three tiers of intervention (universal, selected, targeted), FBA and BIPs. Shepard conducts full psycho-educational evaluations for school districts. We also provide professional development trainings for certified and para-professional staff on a regular basis.

INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES: Psychology Interns work with “Wolf” Program components including individual counseling, developing and running counseling groups, social skills instruction, program evaluation and development, crisis counseling, conducting FBA’s, helping to develop and conduct staff trainings. Also, there are opportunities for conducting psycho-ed evaluations and report writing, participation in IEP meetings, and to work at our ESY summer program if there is an interest.

SUPERVISION:
NAME OF SUPERVISOR(S), include degree and license information
Dr. Graham Hartke, Psy.D.  NJ School Psych certification, NJ License # 5014
Dr. Grace Zambelli, Ph.D.  NJ School Psych Certification, NJ License # 3647

Nature of supervision: Both Dr. Zambelli and Dr. Hartke each provide one hour of individual face to face supervision weekly. There will also be some group supervision.

Do the supervisors represent diverse cultures? Theoretical orientations?
Yes. Theoretically, the behavioral-mental health services at Shepard are primarily grounded in CBT, but a range of strategies, techniques, theories, and methods are utilized and incorporated.

APPLICATIONS:
Please send cover letter, Resume or CV, and 3 letters of reference to: Dr. Hartke via email at: ghartke@shepardschools.org

Is there a stipend available? If so, how much?
Stipend for psychology internship is $25,000