



**Outline of the Counseling Services to be Provided by  
Community Institute for Psychotherapy  
to San Rafael School District during the 2018-2019 School Year**

The term of Agreement shall be from September 15, 2018 thru June 15, 2019.

**Agency Background**

Community Institute for Psychotherapy (CIP) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt center founded in 1977 to provide quality, affordable mental health services to individuals and families who don't have the resources to pay full fees for professional help. Each year, agency wide, CIP serves more than 750 families, children, and adults.

Client services are provided by 22 to 24 qualified intern-therapists enrolled in or graduated from post graduate programs throughout the Bay Area, and earning hours toward licensure (LMFT, LCSW, PsyD, PhD). Intern-therapists are selected through a competitive process and receive training and supervision by licensed mental health professionals.

CIP Contact information:

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**CIP's School Project – Individual counseling (and some family counseling as appropriate) and small group work (6 weeks)**

Participating School:

Davidson Middle School

Our Schools Project for Disadvantaged Students at Risk, one of several outreach programs conducted by CIP, was founded in 1991 to provide counseling services onsite in Marin public schools to low-income students with urgent psychological and emotional needs, ages 6-18, during school hours. Practices are all evidence-based.

School Responsibilities:

School Staff will:

- Interview potential School Counseling Intern
- School principal and school counselor will identify and refer students to the Schools Project, and determine whether a particular student will receive individual one-on-one counseling, or group counseling. School will ensure that counseling intern has a full caseload.
- Schedule counseling sessions and facilitate students attending.
- Assist with contacting parents to obtain written permission for their children to receive counseling services.\*
- Oversee School Counseling Intern(s) while they are at the school site.
- Maintain communication with CIP Schools Project Program Director Margaret Perlstein, LMFT, providing feedback and ongoing evaluation of students, intern-therapists, and the program.

- In the event of a mental health emergency while the student is on campus, the school is responsible for calling for a 5150.

CIP's Responsibilities:

CIP will provide two qualified School Counseling Interns for the school year as follows:

Davidson Middle School

approximately 8 am – 3 pm on Tuesdays

(Note: Should a School Counseling Interns leave his or her internship with CIP for any reason, he or she will no longer be eligible to work in the Schools Project. If this were to happen, we will try our best to replace this Intern but we will not be held liable in any way.)

- School Counseling Interns will have TB tests and fingerprinting done prior to starting in the schools.
- School Counseling Interns will conduct individual, group, and classroom guidance under the supervision of the principal and the school counselor.
- Counseling will only begin after a counseling permission form has been signed by the students' parents/guardians.
- School Counseling Intern will meet with students for about 45 minutes on a weekly basis, one-on-one for a total of five to six hours per week per intern throughout the school year (approx.. 35 weeks). School Counseling Interns will work with individual students and provide a safe place to explore whatever is in the way of the student being able to focus on learning, relationships with family and friends and overall wellbeing. School Counseling Interns will conduct risk assessments for substance use and abuse, self-harm, and depression, as appropriate. The School Counseling Intern will conduct solution-focused/brief counseling for the students he/she sees.
- The duration of each child's course of treatment will be based upon the needs of the child, as determined by School Counseling Intern, CIP Supervisor and school counselor. After initial assessment, children will be evaluated after three sessions to determine whether more therapy is needed. Progress will be evaluated on the basis of reduction of presenting problems, improved academic and social performance. At Davidson Middle School, focus will be shorter term 6-10 sessions with referrals made with instruction from School Counselor.
- The presenting problems that counseling will address will include but are not limited to depression, low self-esteem, violence and other problems in the home, anxiety, social isolation, bullying, sleep disturbances, disordered eating, suicidal ideation, self-harm, and substance abuse.
- Where indicated, intern-therapists will also provide collateral counseling for students' families. School staff will be notified in advance of any such counseling..
- The school setting is not set up for intensive therapy and the intern is recommended to confer with supervisors, school counselor, and principal if he/she feels a recommendation for outside (more intensive) counseling should occur. When the School Counseling Intern determines that a referral for other services might be appropriate, he or she will discuss it with the school counselor before proceeding.

CIP Schools Project Program Director Margaret Perlstein, LMFT, will meet with all Schools Project intern-therapists at CIP for two hours weekly to assess student progress and conduct case consultation. Margaret Perlstein is a licensed LMFT in private practice and has specialized in work with school counseling, child/ adolescent therapy and working with families and individuals.



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All program outcomes will be continually evaluated by CIP clinical staff in conjunction with school personnel and administration. The CIP School Program Director will stay in regular contact with school counselors, providing feedback.

In the event that any concern about a student arises, school staff and administrators will be advised immediately.

If any potential "red flag" issue arises, interns will immediately contact the school counselor to report and discuss next steps (unless it is an emergency situation).

School Counseling Interns will maintain progress notes on each session, to be kept at CIP according to HIPAA regulations, and provide copies to school counselors weekly.

**Insurance:** Each party to this Agreement shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party against, and in respect of all claims, losses, costs, expenses, obligations, liabilities, including interest, penalties, and allowable attorney's fees that they shall incur or suffer which may arise or result from any breach of or failure to perform any of the indemnifying party's obligations in this Agreement or from the indemnifying party's negligence with respect to the operation of counseling services described in this agreement. Each agency will issue the other a certificate of insurance, naming the other, including its officers, agents, and employees as additional insured with respect to the Mental Health Counseling Services.

All services will be carried out under the close supervision of CIP's highly qualified staff of Clinical Supervisors and the weekly oversight of CIP Executive and Clinical Director Robin Joy Berenson, PhD, LMFT, and core staff members: Assistant Clinical Directors Leah Seidler LCSW and Director of Pre-Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Program Brooke Barnett, PsyD.

Here are our costs:

CIP's School Program Budget is \$80,240= \$10,300 per intern (8 interns)  
Davidson Middle School will have 2 interns at \$20,600.

CIP's Wisdom Warriors Budget is \$12,800 for two schools.  
Davidson Middle School will receive half of these services at \$6,400.

Total Davidson Middle School Service: \$27,000.

**We thank you for your commitment to contribute \$4,500 per intern for total of \$9,000 towards our costs for the 2018-2019 school year.**

Signed,



Robin Joy Berenson, PhD, LMFT  
Executive & Clinical Director

June 8, 2018  
Date

## SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

This Independent Contractor Agreement for Special Services ("Agreement") is made as of the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2018 between the San Rafael City School District ("District") and **Community Institute for Psychotherapy** ("Contractor") (together, "Parties").

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Section 53060 of the California Government Code to contract with and employ any persons for the furnishing of special services and advice in financial, economic, accounting, engineering, legal or administrative matters, if such persons are specially trained and experienced and competent to perform the special services required; and

WHEREAS, the District is in need of such special services and advice; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is specially trained and experienced and competent to perform the special services required by the District, and such services are needed on a limited basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Services.** The Contractor shall provide the services as described in **Exhibit "A,"** attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference ("Services" or "Work");
2. **Term.** Contractor shall commence providing services under this Agreement on **August 23, 2018** and will diligently perform as required and complete performance by **June 31, 2019**
3. **Submittal of Documents.** The Contractor shall not commence the Work under this Contract until the Contractor has submitted and the District has approved the certificate(s) and affidavit(s), and the endorsement(s) of insurance required as indicated below:

<u>  X  </u>	Signed Agreement
<u>  X  </u>	Workers' Compensation Certificate
<u>  X  </u>	Criminal Background Investigation Certification
<u>  X  </u>	Insurance Certificates and Endorsements
<u>      </u>	W-9 Form
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4. **Compensation.** District agrees to pay the Contractor for services satisfactorily rendered pursuant to this Agreement a total fee not to exceed Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00). District shall pay Contractor according to the following terms and conditions:

- 4.1. Payment for the Work shall be made for all undisputed amounts in installment payments within thirty (30) days after the Contractor submits an invoice to the District for Work actually completed and after the District's written approval of the Work, or



the portion of the Work for which payment is to be made.

5. **Expenses.** District shall not be liable to Contractor for any costs or expenses paid or incurred by Contractor in performing services for District, except as follows:
6. **Independent Contractor.** Contractor, in the performance of this Agreement, shall be and act as an independent contractor. Contractor understands and agrees that he/she and all of his/her employees shall not be considered officers, employees, agents, partner, or joint venture of the District, and are not entitled to benefits of any kind or nature normally provided employees of the District and/or to which District's employees are normally entitled, including, but not limited to, State Unemployment Compensation or Worker's Compensation. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for payment of all federal, state and local taxes or contributions, including unemployment insurance, social security and income taxes with respect to Contractor's employees.
7. **Materials.** Contractor shall furnish, at his/her own expense, all labor, materials, equipment, supplies and other items necessary to complete the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement, except as follows: \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Equipment and Facilities:** Contractor agrees at all times during its use and occupancy of the premises to comply with all applicable ordinances, laws and regulations affecting the use and occupancy including but not limited to Board Policy #1330, Use of School Facilities
9. **Standard of Care.** Contractor's services will be performed, findings obtained, reports and recommendations prepared in accordance with generally and currently accepted principles and practices of his/her profession for services to California public school districts.
10. **Originality of Services.** Contractor agrees that all technologies, formulae, procedures, processes, methods, writings, ideas, dialogue, compositions, recordings, teleplays and video productions prepared for, written for, or submitted to the District and/or used in connection with this Agreement, shall be wholly original to Contractor and shall not be copied in whole or in part from any other source, except that submitted to Contractor by District as a basis for such services.
11. **Copyright/Trademark/Patent.** Contractor understands and agrees that all matters produced under this Agreement shall become the property of District and cannot be used without District's express written permission. District shall have all right, title and interest in said matters, including the right to secure and maintain the copyright, trademark and/or patent of said matter in the name of the District. Contractor consents to use of Contractor's name in conjunction with the sale, use, performance and distribution of the matters, for any purpose and in any medium.
12. **Audit.** Contractor shall establish and maintain books, records, and systems of account, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, reflecting all business operations of Contractor transacted under this Agreement. Contractor shall retain these books, records, and systems of account during the Term of this Agreement and for three (3) years thereafter.

Contractor shall permit the District, its agent, other representatives, or an independent auditor to audit, examine, and make excerpts, copies, and transcripts from all books and records, and to make audit(s) of all billing statements, invoices, records, and other data related to the Services covered by this Agreement. Audit(s) may be performed at any time, provided that the District shall give reasonable prior notice to Contractor and shall conduct audit(s) during Contractor's normal business hours, unless Contractor otherwise consents.

### **13. Termination.**

**13.1. Without Cause by District.** District may, at any time, with or without reason, terminate this Agreement and compensate Contractor only for services satisfactorily rendered to the date of termination. Written notice by District shall be sufficient to stop further performance of services by Contractor. Notice shall be deemed given when received by the Contractor or no later than three days after the day of mailing, whichever is sooner.

**13.2. With Cause by Contractor.** Contractor may, upon sixty (60) days notice, with or without reason, terminate this Agreement. Upon this termination, District shall only be obligated to compensate Contractor for services satisfactorily rendered to the date of termination. Written notice by Contractor shall be sufficient to stop further performance of services to District. Contractor acknowledges that this sixty (60) day notice period is acceptable so that the District can attempt to procure the Services from another source.

**13.3. With Cause by District.** District may terminate this Agreement upon giving of written notice of intention to terminate for cause. Cause shall include:

13.3.1. material violation of this Agreement by the Contractor; or

13.3.2. any act by Contractor exposing the District to liability to others for personal injury or property damage; or

13.3.3. Contractor is adjudged a bankrupt, Contractor makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or a receiver is appointed on account of Contractor's insolvency.

Written notice by District shall contain the reasons for such intention to terminate and unless within three (3) calendar days after that notice the condition or violation shall cease, or satisfactory arrangements for the correction thereof be made, this Agreement shall upon the expiration of the three (3) calendar days cease and terminate. In the event of this termination, the District may secure the required services from another Contractor. If the expense, fees, and/or costs to the District exceed(s) the cost of providing the service pursuant to this Agreement, the Contractor shall immediately pay the excess expense, fees, and/or costs to the District upon the receipt of the District's notice of these expense, fees, and/or costs. The foregoing provisions are in addition to and not a limitation of any other rights or remedies available to District.



13.4. At the time of any termination of the contract, all District employee data shall be returned to the District and all District employee information shall be purged from the contractor's system and records.

14. **Indemnification.** To the furthest extent permitted by California law, Contractor shall, at its sole expense, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District, the State of California, and their agents, representatives, officers, consultants, employees, trustees, and volunteers (the "indemnified parties") from any and all demands, losses, liabilities, claims, suits, and actions (the "claims") of any kind, nature, and description, including, but not limited to, personal injury, death, property damage, and consultants' and/or attorneys' fees and costs, directly or indirectly arising out of, connected with, or resulting from the performance of the Agreement or from any activity, work, or thing done, permitted, or suffered by the Contractor in conjunction with this Agreement, unless the claims are caused wholly by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnified parties. The District shall have the right to accept or reject any legal representation that Contractor proposes to defend the indemnified parties.

15. **Insurance.**

15.1. The Contractor shall procure and maintain at all times it performs any portion of the Services the following insurance with minimum limits equal to the amount indicated below.

15.1.1. **Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance.**

Commercial General Liability Insurance and Any Auto Automobile Liability Insurance that shall protect the Contractor, the District, and the State from all claims of bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, death, advertising injury, and medical payments arising performing any portion of the Services. (Form CG 0001 and CA 0001)

15.1.2. **Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance.** Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employers' Liability Insurance for all of its employees performing any portion of the Services. In accordance with provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall be required to secure workers' compensation coverage for its employees. If any class of employee or employees engaged in performing any portion of the Services under this Agreement are not protected under the Workers' Compensation Statute, adequate insurance coverage for the protection of any employee(s) not otherwise protected must be obtained before any of those employee(s) commence performing any portion of the Services.

15.1.3. **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions).** Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance as appropriate to the Contractor's profession.

Type of Coverage	Minimum Requirement
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<b>Commercial General Liability Insurance</b> , including Bodily Injury, Personal Injury, Property Damage, Advertising Injury, and Medical Payments	
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Automobile Liability Insurance - Any Auto</b>	
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Professional Liability</b>	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Workers Compensation</b>	Statutory Limits
<b>Employer's Liability</b>	\$ 1,000,000

15.2. **Proof of Carriage of Insurance.** The Contractor shall not commence performing any portion of the Services until all required insurance has been obtained and certificates indicating the required coverages have been delivered in duplicate to the District and approved by the District. Certificates and insurance policies shall include the following:

15.2.1. A clause stating: "This policy shall not be canceled or reduced in required limits of liability or amounts of insurance until notice has been mailed to the District, stating date of cancellation or reduction. Date of cancellation or reduction shall not be less than thirty (30) days after date of mailing notice."

15.2.2. Language stating in particular those insured, extent of insurance, location and operation to which insurance applies, expiration date, to whom cancellation and reduction notice will be sent, and length of notice period.

15.2.3. An endorsement stating that the District and the State and their agents, representatives, employees, trustees, officers, consultants, and volunteers are named additional insureds under all policies except Workers' Compensation Insurance, Professional Liability, and Employers' Liability Insurance. An endorsement shall also state that Contractor's insurance policies shall be primary to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by District.

15.2.4. All policies shall be written on an occurrence form.

15.3. **Acceptability of Insurers.** Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the District.

16. **Assignment.** The obligations of the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall not be assigned by the Contractor.

17. **Compliance with Laws.** Contractor shall observe and comply with all rules and regulations of the governing board of the District and all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations. Contractor shall give all notices required by any law, ordinance, rule and regulation bearing on conduct of the Work as indicated or specified. If Contractor observes



that any of the Work required by this Contract is at variance with any such laws, ordinance, rules or regulations, Contractor shall notify the District, in writing, and, at the sole option of the District, any necessary changes to the scope of the Work shall be made and this Contract shall be appropriately amended in writing, or this Contract shall be terminated effective upon Contractor's receipt of a written termination notice from the District. If Contractor performs any work that is in violation of any laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, without first notifying the District of the violation, Contractor shall bear all costs arising therefrom.

18. **Permits/Licenses.** Contractor and all Contractor's employees or agents shall secure and maintain in force such permits and licenses as are required by law in connection with the furnishing of services pursuant to this agreement.
19. **Employment with Public Agency.** Contractor, if an employee of another public agency, agrees that Contractor will not receive salary or remuneration, other than vacation pay, as an employee of another public agency for the actual time in which services are actually being performed pursuant to this Agreement.
20. **Anti-Discrimination.** It is the policy of the District that in connection with all work performed under Contracts there be no discrimination against any employee engaged in the work because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religious creed, physical disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, or age and therefore the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal and California laws including, but not limited to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act beginning with Government Code Section 12900 and Labor Code Section 1735. In addition, the Contractor agrees to require like compliance by all its subcontractor(s).
21. **Fingerprinting of Employees.** The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Education Code Section 45125.1 regarding the submission of employee fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and the completion of criminal background investigations of its employees. The Contractor shall not permit any employee to have any contact with District pupils until such time as the Contractor has verified in writing to the governing board of the District that the employee has not been convicted of a felony, as defined in Education Code Section 45122.1. The Contractor's responsibility shall extend to all employees, subcontractors, agents, and employees or agents of subcontractors regardless of whether those individuals are paid or unpaid, concurrently employed by the District, or acting as independent contractors of the Contractor. Verification of compliance with this section and the Criminal Background Investigation Certification that may be required with this Agreement, shall be provided in writing to the District prior to each individual's commencement of employment or performing any portion of the Services and prior to permitting contact with any student.
22. **Tuberculosis Clearance.** Contractor shall insure any employees, agents or representatives providing services shall have been found free of tuberculosis pursuant to Ed. Code 49406.
23. **District's Evaluation of Contractor and Contractor's Employees and/or Subcontractors.** The District may evaluate the Contractor in any way the District is entitled

pursuant to applicable law. The District's evaluation may include, without limitation:

- 23.1. Requesting that District employee(s) evaluate the Contractor and the Contractor's employees and subcontractors and each of their performance.
- 23.2. Announced and unannounced observance of Contractor, Contractor's employee(s), and/or subcontractor(s).
24. **Limitation of District Liability.** Other than as provided in this Agreement, District's financial obligations under this Agreement shall be limited to the payment of the compensation provided in this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event, shall District be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on contract or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits or revenue, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement for the services performed in connection with this Agreement.
25. **Confidentiality.** The Contractor and all Contractor's agents, personnel, employee(s), and/or subcontractor(s) shall maintain the confidentiality of all information received in the course of performing the Services. This requirement to maintain confidentiality shall extend beyond the termination of this Agreement.
26. **Notice.** Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given, served, and received if given in writing and either personally delivered or deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt required, or sent by overnight delivery service, or facsimile transmission, addressed as follows:

**District**

San Rafael City School District  
310 Nova Albion Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
ATTN: Mike Gardner  
Title: Director of Student Services

**Contractor**

Community Institute for Psychotherapy  
1330 Lincoln Ave Suite 201  
San Rafael, CA. 94901  
ATTN: Robin Joy Berenson, PhD,  
LMFT

Any notice personally given or sent by facsimile transmission shall be effective upon receipt. Any notice sent by overnight delivery service shall be effective the business day next following delivery thereof to the overnight delivery service. Any notice given by mail shall be effective three (3) days after deposit in the United States mail.

27. **Integration/Entire Agreement of Parties.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, and agreements, whether oral or written. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both Parties.
28. **California Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and the rights, duties and obligations



of the Parties shall be determined and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The Parties further agree that any action or proceeding brought to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be maintained in the county in California in which the District's administrative offices are located.

**29. Waiver.** The waiver by either party of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition herein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term, covenant, condition, or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition herein contained.

**30. Severability.** If any term, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect, and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated in any way.

**31. Incorporation of Recitals and Exhibits.** The Recitals and each exhibit attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date indicated below.

**San Rafael City School District**

**List Name of Provider**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: Mike Gardner  
Its: Director of Student Services

Print Name: Robin Joy Berenson, PhD, LMFT  
Its: Executive & Clinical Director