



Interwoven

Interwoven Community Counseling Center is a comprehensive and affordable provider of counseling services on the campus of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in the Merchandise Mart.

The Forensic Center

The Forensic Center, housed within Interwoven, provides services to persons who have been court-ordered to participate in psychological services. The Forensic Center provides services to adults, families, and children involved in the court system.

Our Services

Initial Assessment

Clients and their families meet with a mental health provider to gather information regarding their family history, personal history, and other factors that can impact mental health and well-being. At the end of the initial assessment, which may be on average one to three sessions, we can provide a clinical recommendation for treatment services that would best fit the need of the client and their family.

Individual Therapy

Clients work one on one with a mental health provider to achieve individual treatment plans and goals. For court-ordered individual therapy, parenting skills and/or anger management can be integrated into the treatment.

Therapeutic Supervised Visitation

TSV is a court-ordered service which allows non-custodial parents to have parenting time with their children in a structured environment supervised by a mental health provider. TSV is often ordered in divorce, separation, or parenting cases that are high conflict in nature, where abuse has been present, prolonged separation between a parent and child, and/or parent/guardian has a history of poor parenting skills.

Reunification Therapy

The goal of this court-ordered service is to reunify parents and children who have been estranged for a variety of reasons. Our mental health providers work with these families to help them move towards building a comfortable and healthy relationship.

Co-Parenting Therapy

This service is usually court-ordered. Co-parenting therapy helps caregivers/parents improve their co-parenting relationship by reducing conflict and improving communication in order to protect and improve the overall well-being of the children.

Family Therapy

Family therapy helps families address specific issues that affect the psychological health of the family such as major life transitions or mental health conditions. A family mental health provider can help family members communicate better, solve problems, and identify new ways of working together. Additionally, the mental health provider will help family members develop new skills to get through difficult situations in a healthier way.

Psychological Evaluations

Individuals can be referred for psychological evaluations by court order or self-referral. Psychological evaluations involve the administration of psychological testing by or under the supervision of a licensed psychologist. Testing can assist with diagnosis clarification, risk assessment, and treatment planning. Courts often appoint us to conduct evaluations under IL Supreme Court Rule 215 and parenting capacity evaluations. **Note: We do not currently conduct child custody evaluations or 604 evaluations.*



Referral Process

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Court-Ordered Therapy Services

Referring parties (Guardians ad Litem, Child Representatives, or one party's attorney) should fill out The Forensic Center's referral form. In order for the referral to be assigned to a clinician or placed on our wait list, we require certain supporting documentation, including the court order for the service and information about the prospective client's insurance (if using insurance) or financial documentation (if requesting a sliding-scale fee). Once the client is assigned to a treatment provider, that clinician will reach out directly to the client/family to schedule an initial appointment.

Court-Ordered Evaluations

The same process for referring prospective clients for court-ordered therapy services should be followed. However, when submitting the referral and supporting documentation, it is extremely helpful to our evaluators if referring parties can include any additional supporting records when submitting the referral. This may include additional court records, such as those documenting parenting time agreements/orders, orders of protection, DCFS records, and/or police reports. Evaluators will also seek to obtain additional third-party data once the evaluation process begins.

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Non Court-Ordered/General Therapy and Evaluation Services

Prospective clients should contact Interwoven by phone or email (below). Prospective clients will be sent a registration form to fill out and be given details about the required information needed to begin services or be placed on our waitlist. Once the required documentation is submitted and a clinician is assigned to the client, the clinician will reach out to the client to schedule an initial appointment. Our clinic coordinator or other staff may reach out to gather additional information prior to assigning a client to a clinician.

Payment

Interwoven and The Forensic Center accept most major forms for insurance, including BCBS PPO and Aetna. We also are in-network for all Illinois Medicaid MCOs. For self-pay clients who do not have insurance or are experiencing financial hardship, we may be able to offer a reduced fee.

Hours

The Center's hours are Mondays and Fridays 9am to 5pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9am to 6pm, and Thursdays 9am to 7pm. We are currently conducting nearly all of our services via telehealth (Zoom, a HIPAA-compliant platform), but are able to see clients on-site when necessary.

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