



Mental Health & Crisis Intervention Specialist

PURPOSE:

Under the General supervision of the Director of Clinical Services, the Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Specialist will provide supportive services, education, referrals, resources, and linkages to WRC clients with co-occurring mental health conditions, both directly and through the support of their Service Coordinator. Responsible for providing diagnostic assessments, therapy, counseling, and support services for a diverse caseload, including adults, adolescents, and/or families experiencing mental health issues, communication challenges, or family conflict. Must be deeply familiar with other services and resources within the community and work closely with clients to provide information and support when required.

NATURE OF WORK:

1. Provide supportive services, resources, and linkages to WRC clients with co-occurring mental health conditions.
2. Outreach and liaison/navigator with local psychiatric hospitals, emergency rooms, community clinicians to establish working relationships and partnerships.
3. Maintain knowledge of and information about community health resources and referrals for WRC clients and their families and establishes relationship with these resources, when appropriate.
4. Assist with discharge planning.
5. Support Service Coordinators with crisis management.
6. Review of the clinical staffing requests and psychiatric referral packets.
7. Participate in Mental Health Task Force and internal crisis team meetings.
8. Attend all LA County DMH Mental Health Collaborative meetings and report updates to WRC Directors and Mental Health Task Force.
9. Attend DCFS, Probation and DMH quarterly meetings and report updates to WRC Directors and Mental Health Task Force.
10. Review ABA assessments and progress reports weekly. (categories to be determined).
11. Participate in eligibility determination meetings and multi-disciplinary observations.
12. Participate in the WRC Learning Collaborative and assist with training projects for staff and community as well as those involving the CAPTAIN program.



MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

1. Requires registration with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences ASW/LCSW or IMF/LMFT indicating a master's degree and either licensure or internship on track to licensure.
2. Minimum of 3 years of clinical experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities as well as 2 years' experience working with individuals with mental health conditions.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including strong organizational and interpersonal skills.
4. Intermediate computer applications experience, including Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook as well as the ability to learn new computer applications quickly.
5. Demonstrated ability to effectively support individuals from diverse races, ethnicities, ages and sexual orientations in a multicultural environment.
6. Experience with LA County Department of Mental Health preferred.
7. Demonstrated ability to review and comprehend behavioral support plans.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of a valid California driver's license, and minimum legal automobile liability insurance required. Must be able to provide personal automobile transportation during working hours and after-hours emergencies or access to another form of reliable transportation that meets these minimum legal requirements.

Specific experience and/or education in one or more of the following areas may be required:

- Cultural Competence
- Special Education
- Child Development
- Clinical Counseling
- Sociology
- Social Justice
- Developmental Psychology

This position will primarily be based in the office; however, remote work may also be available.

Per California state mandate, the COVID-19 vaccination is required for all regional center employees. Proof of vaccination AND booster is required by at the time of hire; also, this position may be subject to weekly testing and other health and safety requirements.



WRC is an equal opportunity employer. Further, WRC will consider for employment qualified applicants with criminal histories in a manner consistent with the requirements of the City of Los Angeles' Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance.

SUBMIT INTEREST:

If interested, please submit your resume and cover letter to jobs-wrc@westsiderc.org with the title of the position on the subject line.