



Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz
Community Connection
CalWORKS
Mental Health Specialist III

General Statement

The Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist III works under the supervision of the CC Program Supervisor, or the Licensed Supervisor. Duties include providing assessment, ICD-10 diagnosis, one-to-one and/or group counseling and collaboration with CalWORKS and County Mental Health staff, and other community resources.

Essential Functions

1. Provides psychosocial assessment including ICD-10 diagnosis.
2. Provides one-to-one support counseling with goal of identifying and remediating barriers to work.
3. Provides crisis intervention, suicide risk assessment, identification and remediation of stressors, referral for medication assessment, medication monitoring, and symptom management, as needed.
4. Plans and facilitates individual/family/group counseling sessions with the goal of increasing client's interpersonal skills and support network.
5. Collaborates with CalWORKS social workers, employment training specialists, behavioral health specialist or other staff, CMH psychiatrist, CMH Access Team, and other service providers and community resources.
6. Completes written assessments, progress notes, service plans, monthly reports to CalWORKS, and admission/discharge paperwork as directed by Clinical Supervisor for clinical and billing purposes.
7. Attends bi-monthly Community Connection CalWORKS team meetings.

Qualifications

- Must have a Master's degree in social work, counseling or related field and be clinically eligible (ASW, AMFT).
- Experience working with individuals in a therapeutic relationship, including assessment, counseling, and crisis intervention.
- Experience in organizing and leading groups with reliability and commitment to teamwork.
- Ability to organize, set priorities, and follow through on details to completion.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; ability to work with diverse groups of people.

Plus Factors:

- Personal or family experience as a recipient of mental health services.
- Experience working with dually diagnosed individuals.
- Bilingual in Spanish.

Employment Term and Conditions

The position provides clinically eligible interns with a paid opportunity to receive hours towards licensure while simulating the private practice environment, or provides licensed therapists with the opportunity to expand existing caseloads with free office space and clinical consultation. Clinically eligible interns receive clinical supervision from Community Connection's Clinical Director. Hourly pay is dependent upon experience. Number of hours depend on caseload. This position requires mandated reporting and adherence to HIPAA and 42 C.F.R.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, or disability, medical condition, marital status, gender, sexual preference, age, veteran status, or any other non-merit factor unrelated to job duties.

Please send resumes and questions to KC Culver at calcoordinator@ccsantacruz.org