

JOB DESCRIPTION

MASTER LEVEL COUNSELOR & HOME BASED THERAPIST

Definition of Position:

Under the agency's policies and professional requirements, the Master Level Counselor & Home Based Therapist will provide services to include counseling, crisis intervention, resource and support system development, and case management for families and children involved with the Division of Child Services and or the Juvenile Probation Department.

Counseling

Provision of structured, goal-oriented therapy on the issues related to the referral for family members who need assistance recovering from physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, or neglect. Other issues, including substance abuse, dysfunctional families of origin, etc., may be addressed in the course of treating the abuse or neglect.

Home Based Therapy

Provision of structured, goal-oriented, time-limited therapy in the natural environment of families who need assistance recovering from physical, sexual, emotional abuse, and neglect. Other issues, including substance abuse, mental illness, personality/behavior disorder, developmental disability, dysfunctional family or origin, and current family dysfunction, may be addressed in the course of treating the abuse/neglect.

Major Responsibilities and Related Tasks:

- I. Direct-Line Services
 - A. Complete initial contact to referred families.
 - B. Complete an assessment with the family in an effort to develop appropriate/necessary recommendations for future success.
 - C. Provide necessary resource and support system development.
 - D. Provide family counseling/HBT one to two times weekly.
 - E. Provide crisis intervention as necessary.
 - F. Participate in case conferences, school conferences and court appearances with the family as requested.
 - G. Provide family advocacy as needed.
 - H. Provide case management and coordination of services with the Family Preservation Worker.
 - I. Participate in ongoing assessment and evaluation of the family's goals.

- II. Client Information System
 - A. Provide necessary client information to referring department and the family (contact logs, reports, case updates).
 - B. Complete necessary referrals for additional therapeutic services as deemed appropriate and with the approval of the family and referring department.

- C. Establish and maintain appropriate professional files which provide all necessary documentation regarding the family.
- D. Maintain weekly update with Clinical Supervisor regarding all cases.

III. Team/Supervision Meetings

- A. Participate case management meetings upon requests with the Family Preservation Worker to coordinate necessary services.
- B. Participate in weekly supervision meetings with the Clinical Supervisor and in group supervision as required
- C. Participate in field supervision with the Clinical Supervisor upon request.

Knowledge and Skills

Activities are governed through a professional code of ethics and rules of confidentiality. A thorough knowledge of social work practice is expected with emphasis in home-based service delivery. Effective skills should be demonstrated in dealing with families involved in abuse/neglect situations as well as those involved in juvenile delinquency issues. A thorough knowledge of community resources is expected.

Training and Experience

The position requires a master's degree in social work, counseling or related field from an accredited college or university. Home-based service delivery experience is required. Continuing education is required and Master's level Therapist's must give evidence of aggressively working toward licensure.

In addition to:

- Knowledge of family of origin/intergenerational issues.
- Knowledge of child abuse/neglect and sexual abuse treatment.
- Knowledge of child and adult development.
- Knowledge of community resources
- Ability to work as a team member.
- Ability to be culturally competent.
- Belief in the family preservation philosophy.