Human Services Counselor (Job Id 8461)

Location: Yankton
Agency: Human Services Center

Employment Type: Permanent Employee

Post Date: 06/27/2017

Description

Job ID: 8461
Agency: Department of Social Services; Human Services Center; Acute or Intensive Treatment Unit, P.M.'s
Salary: $16.12 per hour, plus $1.00 per hour shift pay
Pay Grade: GH
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

For more information on the Human Services Center, please visit https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/hsc/services.aspx.

The Human Services Counselor develops, implements and evaluates effective treatment for patients in a human services setting with severe and persistent mental illness and/or behavioral disturbances and works with a multi-disciplinary treatment team to provide treatment in a therapeutic environment that promotes achievement of goals during short-term hospitalization.

This position works primarily 2:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M., including holidays and weekends.

The Human Services Center provides a comprehensive employee orientation including completion of the Certified Nurse Aide (C.N.A.) certification.

NCRC: If you possess a National Career Readiness Certificate, please submit the certificate with your application. For more information on how to acquire a National Career Readiness Certificate contact a South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation Local Office.

Successful applicant(s) will be required to undergo a background investigation. An arrest/conviction record will not necessarily bar employment. Successful applicant(s) will undergo an abuse and neglect screening. Offers of employment are conditional upon successful completion of a drug screening.

The Ideal Candidate Will Have:

Bachelor's degree in psychology, counseling, or a related field is preferred.

Knowledge of:

- counseling methods;
- severe and persistent mental illness;
- serious emotional disturbances;
- chemical dependency;
- principles of basic human behavior across the lifespan;
- therapeutic communication skills;
- CPR and first aid;
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NCI) techniques;
- patient's rights;
- charting and report writing;
- co-occurring disorders.
Ability to:
- deal effectively with patients from diverse ethnic and sociological backgrounds;
- listen to and be empathetic with patients;
- accurately remember and recall oral and written information;
- maintain safety and security in an in-patient psychiatric setting;
- counsel patients and their families;
- provide individual and/or group crisis and de-escalation counseling;
- lead patients in assigned tasks;
- effectively diffuse potentially explosive confrontations between patients;
- plan and organize work;
- lift 75 pounds;
- relay information regarding patient's behaviors and needs;
- maintain records and prepare reports;
- interpret and follow established policies, operations memoranda, procedures, and guidelines;
- communicate effectively with the patients and their families regarding their treatment;
- utilize preventative techniques in order to maintain a therapeutic environment.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE ELIGIBLE

The State of South Dakota offers paid employee health insurance plus ten paid holidays, generous vacation leave accrual, and medical, dental, vision, and other benefits. For more information visit http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/workbenefits.aspx

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Psychiatric Social Worker (Job Id 8556)

Location: Yankton
Agency: Human Services Center

Employment Type: Permanent Employee
Post Date: 07/21/2017

Description

APPLICANTS MUST MEET CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION

Job ID: 8556
Agency: Department of Social Services; Human Services Center; Adolescent Services
Salary: $21.82 per hour
Pay Grade: GJ
Closing Date: Open Until Filled
This position assesses and provides direct social services to meet the needs of adolescent patients in an inpatient psychiatric setting and provides a combination of individual, group and family counseling.
This position works primarily Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Licenses and Certifications:
Candidate must be eligible to be certified as a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) per SDCL 27A-1-3.
Successful applicant(s) will be required to undergo a background investigation. An arrest/conviction record will not necessarily bar employment. Successful applicant(s) will undergo an abuse and neglect screening. Offers of employment are conditional upon successful completion of a drug screening.

The Ideal Candidate Will Have:
A master's degree is social work is preferred.
Knowledge of:
• completing petitions for and testifying at mental health hearings;
• social and psychological assessments and treatment techniques;
• ethical standards, principles, and practices of social work, counseling, and human behavior;
• human growth and development and their relationship to social work principles and methods;
• current social, economic, and health trends and services, and the ability to adapt trends to practical program applications and link patients with services needed;
• interviewing and other information gathering techniques;
• state mental health practices and procedures;
• family counseling dynamics;
• group counseling dynamics;
• treatment planning processes and therapeutic techniques;
• developmental disabilities;
• severe mental illness;
• principles of basic human behavior across the lifespan;
• therapeutic communication skills;
• Non-violent Crisis Intervention (NCI) techniques;
• co-occurring disorders;
• effective written and verbal communication skills;
• documentation and record keeping;
• computer applications.

Ability to:
• develop cooperative and satisfactory contacts with patients, relatives, physicians, social agencies, community officials, and other administrative officials;
• apply proper interviewing techniques;
• write meaningful, concise, and accurate reports and correspondence;
• establish and maintain effective working relationships with diverse populations;
• communicate effectively with a wide variety of people;
• assess social service needs, complete psychosocial assessments, and identify programs or services sufficient to meet those needs;
• develop and implement effective therapy, treatment approaches and teaching curriculum;
• oversee treatment planning and programming;
• facilitate individual, group and family counseling and therapy;
• speak to groups;
• negotiate with various agencies;
• obtain reliable information;
• testify in mental health hearings as a Qualified Mental Health Professional;
• utilize various computer applications such as Outlook, Internet, Word and keyboarding.

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