

# CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

## **JOB PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

This classification has primary responsibility for providing consultation, assessments and psychological evaluations, group and individualized counseling and therapy for selected youth who are involved with the Juvenile Court.

## **SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED**

The Clinical Psychologist receives general direction from a Program Manager, and may provide functional and technical supervision of pre-Doctoral interns. The Clinical Psychologist is recognized as the final authority for appropriate mental health responses and interventions for high risk youth, and makes decisions within established policies and standards.

## **KEY OR TYPICAL TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Review daily detention population, referrals and collateral information (e.g., case notes, safety alerts, emails, telephone messages, etc.), and triages cases in order of acuity.
- Meet with youth in detention to determine risk for harm to self or others; make staffing and environmental recommendations.
- Maintain records of mental health contacts with Juvenile Court youth.
- Respond to request of the Court by providing mental health assessments and psychological evaluations and consultations. Assess level of risk for harm to self or others; develop appropriate safety plan dependent on risk level; make recommendation regarding treatment and/or educational interventions. Administer psychological tests to youth involved with the Court. Score and interpret results. Create a written report and provide feedback to client, family and probation staff.
- Coordinate mental health care with outside agencies, including facilitation of mental health intakes, therapy appointments, psychiatric appointments and psychiatric hospitalization when necessary.
- Provide individual and group therapy to detainees or supervise such services provided by doctoral-level psychology interns.
- Collaborate with juvenile court probation and detention staff in supervision of youth by effectively communicating mental health information (i.e. risks and needs).

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- Provide consultation and training to probation and detention staff regarding needs of youth in Juvenile Court.
- Planning and organizing training schedule, interview and therapy schedules for pre-doctoral interns.
- Provide clinical supervision to pre-doctoral interns regarding clinical sessions with youth and authorize/sign off on reports placing youth on/off observation status due to issues of possible harm to self/others. Evaluate the work of interns.
- Provide didactic clinical training to psychology interns about relevant issues related to mental health needs of detained/incarcerated youth.
- Performs other related duties as required.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

**Education and Experience:** Doctoral degree (Ph.D or Psy.D), plus a year-long pre-doctoral internship program recognized by the American Psychological Association; and, licensed in the State of Washington as a Psychologist. A Clinical Psychology doctor program is desired. The following experience is desirable: working with children and adolescents, treating children and adolescents and their families with individual, family and group psychotherapy; interacting and supervising a multidisciplinary team; experience with the criminal justice system. All combinations of education, experience and training that demonstrate the ability to perform the work will be considered.

**Knowledge of:** Planning, scheduling, monitoring and problem solving; strength-based assessments; case management techniques; balanced and restorative justice principles and values; principles and practices of rehabilitation and social casework; effective team work and team facilitation; supervision, rehabilitation and counseling of juveniles with serious behavioral issues, substance abuse issues and/or antisocial behavior patterns; juvenile court laws; resources to address the needs of youth and families.

**Ability to:** Effectively plan, assign, supervise and evaluate the work of others; assist in program development and evaluation; analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions, and formulate recommendations; prepare clear and concise reports; contribute to and insure the evaluation of program performance; identify client and family needs and assist in development of individualized service plans; assist in rehabilitation of juvenile offenders; maintain effective working relationships with clients and others; effective oral and written communication; utilize various PC applications.

**Other Special Requirements:** Successful criminal background check as required by law.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT**

Work is typically performed in an office setting with variations in temperature and noise levels, but work may also include field work and travel to meeting, training/seminars, and various public events to include evening meetings and as a result a valid driver's license may be required. Environment includes volume and temperament of people encountered in the course of work. In addition to sitting, some walking, standing, bending and carrying of light items may be required. Essential tasks involve speaking, listening, phone usage, reading and review of written documents and the use of personal computer software applications; oral communications both in person and via telephone; competing time demands; and, may involve interaction with dissatisfied or angry youth/family members.

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