

MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST/COMMUNITY EDUCATOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this class provides a full range of psychotherapy and social work services for the Family and Child Advocacy Center (FCAC) and engages in community outreach and education activities in the areas of child sexual abuse prevention, sexual predator profiles and techniques, and other FCAC approved curriculum topics. This position requires an effective public speaker who has responsibility for conducting training programs specifically designed for professionals, community organizations and family members to recognize, prevent and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Work also involves planning, implementing and conducting short-term or long-term therapeutic activities as appropriate for victims of sexual abuse, domestic violence and/or serious physical abuse. General supervision is received from the Assistant Director of Social Services (FCAC) with considerable leeway allowed for the use of independent judgment. Supervision is not normally a function of this class. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Provides individual and group psychotherapy including evidence-based therapies and/or cognitive behavioral therapy as indicated;

Adapts therapeutic activities and equipment to facilitate client participation, as needed;

Identifies and utilizes all contacts and resources available to the client, including family, friends, school, employers, community agencies, social services agencies, etc., in order to establish an overall, or systems, approach to treatment;

Provides community outreach, assesses community needs and provides training centered on FCAC approved curriculum in the areas of child sexual abuse prevention, sexual predator profiles and techniques, and other topics as appropriate;

Organizes, prepares and delivers training programs and resources specifically designed for professionals, community organizations and family members to recognize, prevent and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, including preparing and distributing promotional materials as appropriate;

Participates in FCAC meetings and trainings to exchange information and give and receive supervision, and assists in the operations of the FCAC as needed;

Functions as part of the multi-disciplinary team of the FCAC;

Maintains records and prepares reports of a narrative and statistical nature as well as general correspondence;

May be required to be on call during unscheduled working hours if circumstances of the assignment deem it essential.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of psychotherapeutic techniques including evidence-based therapies and/or cognitive behavioral therapies; thorough knowledge of materials and equipment and their application or use in therapeutic activities; good knowledge of services provided by the agency and community resources available to child sexual abuse victims; good knowledge of appropriate laws, regulations and programs pertaining to child sexual abuse and protection; good knowledge of public education and community outreach techniques; good knowledge of training techniques; ability to apply principles and practices of various forms of therapy; ability to plan and conduct therapeutic activities adapted to a client's particular need or capability; ability to establish and maintain rapport with clients and their families; ability to engage in public speaking events and conduct trainings including the development of training and promotional materials; ability to maintain records and prepare narrative reports, statistical reports and general correspondence; sound professional judgment; tact.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Master's Degree in Psychology, Social Work or related field and two (2) years of full-time paid or its part-time equivalent, experience providing psychotherapy to victims of sexual abuse, domestic violence or physical abuse which included or was supplemented by one (1) year of experience in public speaking and developing presentations.

Special Requirement: Possession of current licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LMSW or LCSW) issued by the New York State Department of Education at time of appointment.

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