

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

DEFINITION

Under general supervision this position will provide professional services to meet student's psycho/social needs in order to further promote their successful completion of an academic program. This job is carried out through the provision of professional psycho/social guidance and support to students and staff. Plans, organizes, implements, coordinates and monitors educational support services for various children and youth provided through county wide programs; establishes and maintains collaborative relationships and services as a liaison to schools, districts, county office of education, local and state agencies, and organizations addressing the needs of youth.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Acts as a liaison between students, teachers and administration. Seeks to facilitate, support and provide cohesiveness among students and staff in order to promote overall success. Specializes in substance abuse treatment, family relationships, adolescent development, and group process. The goal is to facilitate a positive culture as conflicts are identified, resolved and used to promote and support students in transforming their lives and acquiring the skills they need to succeed in work, school, family, and community involvement. Provides students with additional information and training in character, behavior modification and leadership. Provides one-on-one and small group counseling. Diagnoses psychological disorders and highlights problematic patterns that need to be changed. Enhances communication and helps students to address dysfunctional behavior by replacing them with constructive actions. Provides crisis intervention for students through appropriate workshops and trainings that aides to the over all success of the students. Ensures program activities and services are coordinated with established data collection processes and procedures

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

Graduate of an accredited University program of Marriage and Family Therapy, licensed by the State of California. Minimum of one year experience serving students in alternative education preferred.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and other drugs used by children and adults. Understanding family dynamics and social norms in relationship to alcohol and other drug use. Knowledge of English grammar, punctuation, and spelling; standard types of office filing systems, and common equipment utilized in an office environment. Effective and efficient oral and written communication techniques. Ability to make presentations to adolescents and adults. Read and apply rules, regulations and procedures. Establish and

maintain effective inter-personal relationship with staff, families and volunteers; work independently and maintain accurate records and reports. Provide confidentiality and ensure professional competence and integrity. Knowledge of public education system, juvenile justice system, special education and mental health services; youth development concepts and foster youth services system. Knowledge of grant writing and grant management.

Physical Ability

Requires sufficient arm, hand and finger dexterity in order to operate a personal computer keyboard, typewriter and other office equipment. Requires visual acuity to read words and numbers. Requires lifting of light to moderate objects (between 20 to 30 lbs.) on an occasional basis and sufficient ambulatory ability to stand for sustained periods of time. Requires ambulatory ability to go to different locations. Requires the ability to take precautions against a nominal exposure to health and safety risks. Requires speaking and hearing to communicate in person or over the phone.

Licenses

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist issued by the State of California
Valid California driver's license

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