

SOCIAL WORK CONSULTANT (PSYCHIATRIC)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, an incumbent of this position performs psychosocial assessments for the purpose of developing an accurate profile of the patient. An incumbent focuses on children and adolescents rather than on adults. An incumbent develops an appropriate treatment plan and is responsible for providing direct services to children and their families. Work is performed as a member of a team composed of Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Psychiatric Social Workers and/or Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselors responsible for a joint diagnosis of the mental and emotional condition of patients assigned. Clinical supervision may be exercised over assigned professional personnel. Does related work as assigned.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Conducts assessments of prospective patients to ascertain the child's history and relevant background as well as to schedule appropriate treatment;

Provides individual, group and family psychotherapy with children and adolescents with diagnosed problems and conditions;

Confers with team members regarding case disposition, patient prospects, treatment goals and patient progress, as well as possible new approaches;

Performs individual, family, and group therapy to treat patient problems and conditions and to evaluate patient's functioning;

Maintains records and regularly prepares and submits case reports;

Keeps abreast of the latest developments practices and techniques used in the community service system for children with serious emotional disturbances;

Participates in research studies;

Participates in interdisciplinary team meetings;

Uses computer applications or automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of professional psychiatric social work with children, adolescents and families; good knowledge of the factors contributing to mental, emotional and social maladjustment and deficiencies; good knowledge of the more widely used therapeutic and treatment methods; good knowledge of psychiatric terms and techniques; ability to use computer applications or automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, e-mail and database software; ability to work effectively with others in a team relationship; ability to present evaluations and interpretations effectively, both orally and in writing; tact in dealing with patients and their relatives; sound professional judgment in evaluating patients' problems and in making decisions; initiative; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: A Master's Degree* in Social Work and two years of post Master's Degree* professional social work experience, concentrating in providing services to children with severe emotional disturbance, in a healthcare or human services facility providing direct client services for a client population that includes mentally disabled persons.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a certificate to practice Social Work in New York State issued by the State Education Department, at time of appointment.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.

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