



Mental Health Clinician

(For Justice Involved Youth)

32 hours per week

Afternoon and Evenings Tuesday-Friday

Salary Range: \$43,869-\$54,015

(8 step; salary prorated to hours worked)

Bilingual (English/Spanish) Highly Desirable

Bilingual pay eligible (additional .21 cents per hour)

Health Benefits and Pension Eligible

First Date Application Screening: January 31, 2019

Position Open Until Filled

About the Position

Under the supervision of the Youth Program Manager, this position will provide mental health and case management services to justice involved youth and their families through the PODER Program (Positive Outcomes through Diversion for Effective Results). Services associated with this position require collaboration with local police and probation representatives. The goal of the program is to ensure that youth on probation who require mental health and pro-social supports receive them and that their families receive guidance and support as identified through the assessment process. In this way, youth can increase their personal and social functioning while minimizing the risk of re-offending. Clinical supervision and training is provided.

About the Agency

Pajaro Valley Prevention & Student Assistance, Inc (PVPSA) has been the leader of youth prevention and intervention services in the Pajaro Valley. We believe that every young person in our community should have the opportunity to achieve their dreams. We are committed to helping them identify those dreams and support them in that quest. Our mission is to improve the quality of life of students and families in the Pajaro Valley by providing health education, prevention and counseling services, and by advocating for public policies that protect the health of our community.

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Duties and Responsibilities

- Work in partnership with assigned law enforcement representatives and community partners to implement services as needed to fulfill the program requirements.
- Provide counseling and support services to adolescents and their families in a culturally responsive and sensitive manner
- Gather and analyze information on referred youth's presenting circumstances, social and psychiatric history, and/or immediate needs
- Communicate and/or consult with a variety of organizations and/or agencies to attain additional services for students and families
- Participate in staff meetings, in-service trainings, conferences and workshops
- Participate as a team member in case management conferences as required to ensure effective implementation of services and supports
- Maintain documentation in regards to Mental Health Assessments, Service Plans and Progress notes in a timely manner as required and comply with Medi-Cal regulations and standards if needed
- Adhere to all confidentiality requirements

Employment Standards

Knowledge of:

- Symptoms and behaviors of mental illness in youth who are at high risk of or already involved in the justice system.
- Basic social rehabilitation, socialization and practical life management skills
- Basic family management
- Principles and methods of interviewing, counseling, crisis intervention and assessing psychosocial behaviors
- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) Criteria
- Strength based and cultural appropriate services

Ability to:

- Work with adolescents and families in the late afternoon and evening hours, typically Tuesday-Friday.
- Assess behavioral and emotional strengths and challenges to make knowledgeable recommendations and/or design appropriate service plans
- Work in a collaboration with project leaders to implement additional support as needed to make the program effective
- Establish and maintain effective work relationships with those contacted in the performance of duties
- Prepare a variety of administrative and professional reports
- Bilingual/Bicultural skills strongly desired and eligible for additional compensation as noted

Training and Experience

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- Requires a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university with a major in Social Work, Psychology, Marriage, Family and Child Counseling, or closely related behavioral science field
- Licensed and/or registered with the BBS; must have at least one year experience working in clinical setting. Bilingual English and Spanish preferred.
- Experience working in collaboration with agencies in the provision of services and support for clients.
- Experience working with the focus population (youth at risk or involved in the justice system).

Benefits:

PVPSA offers competitive benefits including Paid Time Off, Medical, Dental, Vision, Life and Employer Sponsored Retirement Contribution.

How to Apply:

If interested, please submit your resume and a cover letter via email or mail to:

PVPSA Human Resources

c/o Beatriz Collazo, Sr. Analyst

email: beatriz.collazo@pvpsa.org

mail: 335 East Lake, Avenue
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