

**OUTPATIENT SERVICES  
BEST STARTS FOR KIDS CO-OCCURRING THERAPIST**

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

Provide youth and young adults who face multiple barriers to successfully transition to adulthood with behavioral health services that allow them to persist in secondary education. Provide co-occurring therapeutic services including engagement, assessment, treatment, and linkage. Provides co-occurring technical and consultation services for SVI/Open Doors site staff, provides co-occurring support aimed at linking students to co-occurring services (i.e. education, prevention, MH therapy, recovery groups, assessment and SUD treatment) as needed.

**KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:**

1. Link youth to behavioral health treatment including SUD and MH therapy, as needed.
2. Complete co-occurring assessments for each youth and young adult enrolled in academic services.
3. In conjunction with site staff, provide motivational interviewing, referral and support related to chemical dependency and mental health issues.
4. Provide psychoeducational group counseling and referral specific to co-occurring issues.
5. Provide co-occurring therapeutic services including assessment and outpatient treatment, Provides referrals for inpatient services and/or other services as necessary to support recovery and alleviate mental health symptoms.
6. Provide on-going staff training and consultation for all site staff related to co-occurring issues.
7. Provide support, planning and assistance for clients enrolled in academic and vocational support services.
8. Provide liaison information/referral and collaboration with community chemical dependency treatment agencies and mental health agencies.
9. Collaborate with site staff regarding academic and vocational supports, treatment, and transition planning for youth in program.
10. Participate in site staffing, meetings and training as deemed appropriate.
11. Attend all supervision, training and consultation provided by Ryther including weekly co-occurring consultation and individual supervision with TYS manager and Co-Occurring Manager.
12. Cooperate with research, data collection and outcome studies as deemed necessary by King County.
13. Able to develop and implement an independent work schedule and perform assigned tasks and duties with minimal direct oversight.
14. Adjust work hours as necessary to provide support to clients and staff.
15. Complete required quarterly and annual reports as required by contract.
16. Demonstrate a high degree of skill in communication and positive interaction with all Ryther employees, prospective employees, external agencies/companies and the community at large.
17. Perform all other duties as assigned.

**ESSENTIAL JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

1. MA or Master's degree in social service field, social science, social work, psychology or related field.
2. Possess a Department of Health Chemical Professional Certification or demonstrate significant progress towards this certification. **MUST MAINTAIN CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONAL STATUS THROUGH CONTINUING EDUCATION DURING EMPLOYMENT.**
3. Experience working with adolescents and young adults is highly desirable.
4. Commitment to the Purpose, Vision, and Values of the agency.
5. Acceptance of a variety of lifestyles, behaviors, cultural, and spiritual practices.
6. Be 21 years of age or older.
7. Knowledge and understanding of family-centered practice principles.
8. Valid Washington state driver's license.
9. Ability to complete emergent assignments within the time frame identified by the supervisor.
10. Ability to exercise discretion and maintain customer and employee confidentiality.
11. Ability to work within the host site.
12. Effective written and verbal communication skills.
13. Ability to perform a range of physical motions including but not limited to: standing, walking, sitting for long periods of time.

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- 14. Ability to use the senses of sight, hearing to effectively perform responsibilities.
- 15. Ability to use office equipment that includes copier machine, telephone, fax, and personal computer.
- 16. Knowledge of community social services resources is highly desirable.

**SUPERVISOR: Director of Outpatient Services**

If you are a person with a disability in need of reasonable accommodation to perform the essential functions and responsibilities related to your position, please notify your Program Director or Senior Director of Operations as soon as possible.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read this and understand this is my job description as an employee of Ryther.

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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**Supervisor Signature**

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**Date**