

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY SPECIALIST

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Provides chemical dependency training, technical and consultation services for host site staff, provides chemical dependency services (i.e. education, prevention, recovery groups, assessment and referrals) as needed to children/adolescents and their families.

KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

1. In conjunction with host site staff, provide family counseling, crisis intervention, referral and support related to chemical dependency issues.
2. Provide individual sessions, group counseling and crisis management and referral specific to chemical dependency issues.
3. Provide referrals to appropriate substance use services including assessment, outpatient, and inpatient services and/or other services as necessary to support recovery and sobriety.
4. Provide on-going staff training and consultation for all host site staff related to substance abuse and chemical dependency.
5. Provide support, planning and assistance for clients entering from treatment programs.
6. Arrange client attendance at self-help, treatment groups, and 12 step group meetings when appropriate.
7. Provide liaison information/referral and collaboration with community chemical dependency treatment agencies.
8. Participate in host site staffing, meetings and training as deemed appropriate.
9. Attend all supervision, training and consultation provided by Ryther.
10. Cooperate with research, data collection and outcome studies as deemed necessary by DBHR and KC.
11. Provide consultation and technical assistance to host site staff in areas related to substance abuse and chemical dependency.
12. Collaborate with host site staff regarding treatment, transition and aftercare planning for identified youth.
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 chemical dependency treatment services to clients.
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 or Bachelor Degree in social or service field plus one year experience working in an alcoholism and/or drug abuse counseling setting, or 4 years prior experience as a CDPT or CDP.
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 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 and liability insurance.
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.

- 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: Chief of Clinical 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 Director of Operations (extension 235) as soon as possible.

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

Signature

Date