

**OUTPATIENT SERVICES
CO-OCCURRING SPECIALIST**

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Provides co-occurring technical and consultation services for YouthCare site staff, provides co-occurring support aimed at linking residents to co-occurring services (i.e. education, prevention, recovery groups, assessment and SUD treatment) as needed.

KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Complete co-occurring assessments for each youth and young adult coming into care.
2. In conjunction with site staff, provide motivational interviewing, referral and support related to chemical dependency and mental health issues.
3. Provide psychoeducational group counseling and referral specific to co-occurring issues.
4. Provide referrals to appropriate co-occurring services including assessment, outpatient, and inpatient services and/or other services as necessary to support recovery and alleviate mental health symptoms.
5. Provide on-going staff training and consultation for all site staff related to co-occurring issues.
6. Provide support, planning and assistance for clients entering from treatment programs.
7. Arrange client attendance at self-help, treatment groups, and 12-step group meetings when appropriate.
8. Provide liaison information/referral and collaboration with community chemical dependency treatment agencies and mental health agencies.
9. Collaborate with site staff regarding treatment, transition and aftercare planning for identified youth.
10. Participate in site staffings, 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 YouthCare Lead Therapist.
12. Cooperate with research, data collection and outcome studies as deemed necessary by DBHR and 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 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 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.

**OUTPATIENT SERVICES
CO-OCCURRING SPECIALIST**

- 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 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

Supervisor Signature

Date