

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive
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CHEMICAL ABUSE CLINICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves responsibility for the performance of professional alcohol and drug abuse treatment activities in the process of helping individuals with social, emotional, and related disturbances associated with their chemical abuse. The work involves responsibility for providing social work services and chemical abuse treatment services to individuals and/or their families assisting them with their emotional and social difficulties. Members of this class work in consultation with their supervisor in formulating and carrying out plans to meet the individual alcohol and/or drug abuse treatment needs of cases assigned. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Under supervision, provides drug and/or alcohol abuse counseling and therapy to help clients or families improve their social and emotional functioning and adjust to their disabilities and social environment;
Under supervision, formulates and carries out plans to meet the chemical abuse treatment needs of individuals and families;
Collects and maintains appropriate data from various sources such as professional staff, clients, clients' families, relatives, schools, the courts, or other referring agencies to establish an overall approach to the care and solution of client's mental, social, and/or chemical abuse problems;
Studies background and existing case records for information for utilization in formulating a plan of treatment;
Reviews cases to determine the need for changes in the individual service plan and makes modifications with the guidance of the supervisor, if such need exists;
Maintains a liaison with various referring agencies, keeping them abreast of the treatment progress of the client;
Confers and coordinates efforts with other staff personnel, such as Senior Clinicians, Social Workers, psychiatrists, and psychiatric nurses, in carrying out the prescribed plan for services;
Prepares a variety of records and reports related to work.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of the current treatment practices in the chemical abuse field and social and psychological factors affecting various psychiatric disorders and disabilities related to chemical abuse;
Working knowledge of the New York Mental Hygiene Laws and programs;
Working knowledge of psychotherapeutic techniques and procedures related to chemical abuse treatment practices;
Ability to establish and maintain successful treatment relationships with people;
Ability to prepare reports;
Sensitivity to the reactions and treatment needs of others;
Good capacities of observation and analysis;
Sound judgment.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work (BSW) and two (2) years of work experience in the chemical abuse field.

NOTE: Possession of a New York State Credential as an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) may be substituted for one (1) year of the above required experience.