IMPERIAL COUNTY

CLASS TITLE: SUPERVISING CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under direction of an assigned supervisor, provides evaluation and treatment to children and their families who have emotional and behavioral disorders.

DISTINGUISH CHARACTERISTICS:

Supervising Clinical Psychologist performs a full range of psychological evaluations and treatment at a high level of professional skill and independence and provides supervision to unlicensed psychologist and interns. Clinical Psychologist II performs a full range of psychological evaluations with a high degree of independence. Clinical Psychologist I performs the evaluations under close supervision of a licensed Clinical Psychologist.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

Provide professional supervision and consultation with staff members; provide training to other segments of the department.

Coordinate and manage outpatient clinic activities including its scheduling, staffing and administration; provide professional direction and consultation with staff members.

Provide initial assessment intake interview with children and their families to ascertain the symptoms of mental or behavioral problems that impair their social and academic functioning.

Obtain a social and development history, mental status, diagnosis and treatment recommendation; document interviews with a report.

Train, assign, supervise, and evaluate the work of assigned Mental Health personnel.

Provide ongoing psychological treatment to children and their families.

Provide psycho-diagnostic and treatment to children and their families.

Provide psycho-diagnostic and psycho-educational assessments on children that are receiving treatment from other therapists in the clinic.

Provide psycho-diagnostic evaluation on children referred by other County and State agencies such as Probation and Social Services, the California Youth Authority or Public Schools.

Provide emergency consultations and assessments to children who come into the clinic on an emergency basis.

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Evaluate and determine a prospective client’s eligibility for services.

Maintain medical records and reports.

Coordinate treatment goals with other agencies or mutual clients.

Provide individual and group psychotherapy; provide individual psychological treatment to clients.

Consult with psychiatrists regarding appropriate treatment with psychiatric medications.

Evaluate effectiveness of client's progress in psychotherapy.

Attend meetings, coordinate activities with other department members.

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:
Principles and practices of supervision and training.
Psychological principles including test construction, administration and evaluation.
Group and individual psychotherapy methods and concepts.
Record-keeping techniques.
Oral and written communication skills.
Research methods and report writing skills.
Laws, rules and regulations related to assigned activities.
Policies and objectives of assigned program and activities.
Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.
Health and safety regulations.

ABILITY TO:
Train, supervise and evaluate personnel.
Provide assessments and determine proper psychotherapeutic methods.
Conduct group psychotherapy including complex interpersonal skills.
Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
Compile and verify data and prepare reports.
Read, interpret, apply and explain rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
Maintain current knowledge of technological advances in the field.
Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
Work independently with little direction.
Plan and organize work.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: PhD degree in psychology and a corresponding license issued by the State of California and five years post licensure experience in a mental health setting and meet the State of California requirements to supervise interns.

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LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Valid California driver’s license; registration as a Psychologist in the State of California.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Clinic environment working with patients individually and in small groups, and driving a vehicle to conduct work.

Physical abilities required include seeing to drive a vehicle, and speaking to exchange information and make presentations.

Incumbents may be exposed to working with patients with psychological problems who may exhibit hostile behaviors.