
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services/Special Education, the Mental Health Professional provides mental health services to district students referred for assessment and assistance with the goal of facilitating and promoting appropriate behavioral health, IEP driven guidance and counseling, and personal growth. The Mental Health Professional identifies the behavioral and mental health needs of students and develops therapy goals and objectives for implementation through an individual therapy plan or IEP.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Provides services to children through individual and group therapy services
- Completes required documentation for students including records, reports, and case histories
- Develops and maintains behavioral health programs including therapy goals to meet student needs
- Conducts interviews, assessments, and observations
- Participates in special assessments, individual therapy plans, IEP development and other meetings
- Refers students to other public/private community agencies
- Directs and provides oversight of mental health therapy services provided by other staff members
- Makes recommendations to LEA's for mental therapy services
- Tracks services through the LEA's tracking database
- Performs related duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS:

Any combination of education, training, and experience which demonstrates ability to perform the duties and responsibilities as described, including experience working with groups of children.

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- Therapy methods appropriate to meeting the needs of students and their families
- Agencies and resources available to assist children
- Federal and state laws concerning family rights and behavioral and mental health services.

ABILITY TO:

- Identify the behavioral and mental health needs of students
- Work as part of a multidisciplinary educational support team
- Develop and implement appropriate behavioral and mental health services
- Work independently
- Communicate effectively in oral and written form
- Maintain accurate records
- Meet established time frames
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work
- Provide behavioral and mental health services to students and their families
- Conduct individual, group, and family therapy sessions

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Marriage and Family Therapist/Marriage and Family Therapist Intern or Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Experience in Medi-Cal Charting
- Experience in the behavioral health plan process
- Valid Board of Behavioral Sciences Examiners (BBSW) desired
- Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential desired
- Experience working with a Special Education Local Plan Area or school district operations desired

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Valid California driver's license
- Own reliable transportation and verification of insurance coverage

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

- Sitting for extended periods
- Talking/hearing
- Near and far visual acuity/depth perception/color vision/field of vision

TERMS OF EMPLOYEMENT

- Placement on the Licensed/Professional Salary Schedule dependent on experience
- Work schedule to be established by district

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