

Clinical Services Advocate

The Twenty Second Judicial Court has an opening for a Clinical Services Advocate at the Family Court, 920 N Vandeventer, St. Louis Mo 63108.

To apply send resume, copy of transcripts (if available) and cover letter including applicant's daytime phone number along with expression of interest in this position as well as description of educational and experience qualifications that make him/her a good fit for this position

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This position is funded by the Mental Health Board - Includes Full Benefit Package.

Salary Range: \$41, 730 – \$65,234

Salary Range: \$47,814 - \$74,906 (with Missouri License)

Includes Full Benefit Package plus no cost retirement plan.

Job Posting: December 1, 2020

Position open until filled

See Full Job Description Below

DEPARTMENT: Special Services

CLASS TITLE: Clinical Service Advocate (**Grant Funded**)

CLASS DEFINITION: Under day to day supervision of the Psychological Services Unit the Clinical Service Advocate, preferably a Licensed Clinical Social Worker or Licensed Professional Counselor, will be responsible for assessing the mental health needs and/or behavior needs of juveniles in Detention and providing services to meet those needs through provision of brief direct services or the coordination of services delivered by others in the Psychological Services Unit and Medical Unit. In addition, the Clinical Service Advocate will provide linkage and referral services to assist with transition of the youth back to the home or community. This full-time position is designed to provide maximum coverage and requires early evening and weekend coverage. Requires performing regular duties in a secure institutional setting subject to constant video surveillance for purposes of security and the welfare of the detained youth.

CSA staff are scheduled to work an 8 hour work day on those occasions when they are assigned to the comfort room and are on duty and paid during their meal periods on those days. Should youth enter the comfort room anytime during the eight-hour shift, the CSA is expected to respond and thus is always on duty.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- * Administer a standardized brief screening instrument to assess emotional and behavioral problems of juveniles entering the Detention Center. The current instrument is the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument -2nd Edition (MAYSI-2).
- * Communicate mental health screening results when necessary in order to maintain safety of detained juveniles.
- * Provide crisis management services for juveniles as needed.
- * Confers with Detention Training and Case Coordinator to assure clinical services are provided to youth
- * Regular and prompt attendance is considered an essential function of this position and will require evening and a weekend work schedule.
- * Work with Detention staff to develop management plans for youth who display significant behavior problems.
- * Provide brief counseling and follow-up for detained juveniles in need of mental health services and coordinate with the Psychological Services Unit, Medical Unit and Detention staff to provide such services to youth with more severe mental health needs.
- * Coordinate and participate in youths' behavioral staffing.
- * Work with youth in the comfort room as assigned.
- * Develop relationships with community-based providers in order to facilitate appropriate services for youth.
- * Coordinate both community-based and internal (Psychological Services, Medical Unit and Detention staff) resources to provide mental health services to juveniles during their stay and as they transition back into the community.
- * Coordinate transitional services with youth, parent, DJO and/or Division of Youth Services Coordinator.
- * Maintain logs, case notes and other documentation related to detained youth as required by procedure or the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.
- * Other Duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Incumbents of this position should have well-developed clinical interviewing skills that will be used in the clinical assessment of mental health issues as they pertain to detained juveniles. This position requires: excellent written and oral communication skills and the ability to interact comfortably with court and detention personnel responsible for the daily care of detained juveniles, the ability to provide brief clinical intervention for youth detained in a secure juvenile facility. knowledge of community mental health resources, the ability to coordinate with the Psychological Services, Medical Unit and/or Detention staff regarding the provision of services to youth with more severe emotional needs, working knowledge of the Juvenile Code and Missouri Supreme Court Rules as they pertain to Detention, working knowledge of computer software including Microsoft Office and the ability to coordinate with community agencies and staff who may provide training.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates must possess a Master's degree in clinical social work, counseling or related field from a school accredited in the chosen field. Prefer two years of experience in the provision of mental health services in a social service setting or a related field. Licensure in Missouri as a clinical social worker or professional counselor is preferred. Must be at least 21 years of age.

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