PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER - THERAPIST

The Washington County Human Services Behavioral Health Division, located in West Bend, has an excellent opportunity for a full-time Psychiatric Social Worker - Therapist in Lifespan Clinical Services. Lifespan Clinical Services is a state certified outpatient treatment program. Clinicians empower clients to improve the quality of their lives through encouraging them to make changes where necessary, take personal responsibility, maximize independence, and strengthen interpersonal and family relationships. The therapy setting provides privacy, safety, and acceptance to promote and enhance the individual’s feeling of dignity and self-respect. Under the general direction of the Outpatient Services Supervisor, the Psychiatric Social Worker provides psychotherapy, individual, couple, family and group therapy as well as clinical leadership and training to the treatment team and community.

Qualified candidates must possess:

- A Master's Degree in Social Work or Psychology.
- Must be a licensed Clinical Social Worker or a licensed Professional Therapist and 3,000 hour provider status.
- Experience in group and individual therapy utilizing time-limited solution focused methods is preferred.
- A valid Wisconsin driver’s license, available automobile, and automobile insurance are required.

Starting salary range $54,516 - $57,616 based on experience. Washington County offers a comprehensive benefits package which includes: Health, Dental, and Life Insurance; Short and Long Term Disability; Medical and Dependent Flexible Spending Accounts; Wisconsin Retirement System and Wisconsin Deferred Compensation (IRS 457); Holidays and Paid Time Off (PTO).

Washington County is recognized for our commitment to providing quality services to the citizens of our community. Please visit our website at [www.co.washington.wi.us](http://www.co.washington.wi.us) to complete our online application. Applications will be accepted until the needs of the Department are met. If you have any questions, please call (262) 335-4633. Thank you for considering Washington County.

*Washington County is an Equal Opportunity Employer of Minorities, Females, Protected Veterans, and Individual with Disabilities*

**Position Summary:**

Under the general direction of the Outpatient Services Supervisor, provides psychotherapy, individual, couple, family and group therapy as well as clinical leadership and training to the treatment team and community.
**Duties/Responsibilities:**

The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Evaluates the presenting problem and undertakes diagnostic assessment of both the individual and significant others.
- Performs psychosocial assessment interviews, obtains social history and other relevant background.
- Provides psychotherapy for adults and children in individual, conjoint, group or family therapy. Services may take place in the office or in the family home.
- Insures appropriate medical record documentation, which includes completing psychosocial histories, treatment plans, and progress notes.
- Participates in staffing by sharing case material, clinical assessments, and treatment planning.
- Evaluates crisis cases and performs follow-up.
- Serves as a clinical resource person.
- Undertakes preventative activities such as community education and consultation through public speaking and coordinated agency planning.
- Performs community liaison work and public relations work addressing substance abuse.
- Participates in staff development, student affiliations, and research projects, as appropriate.
- Communicates pertinent information on a timely basis to appropriate staff.
- Performs other duties as assigned, including responding to an emergency event.

**Work Direction Received:**

Works under the general direction of the Outpatient Services Supervisor.

**Supervision Exercised:**

Provides clinical direction to social work interns and volunteers as assigned.
Decision Making:

Decisions concerning therapeutic interventions, treatment planning, and other daily activities are made independently.

Interaction:

There is significant interaction with community services agencies, County schools and organizations, clients, and client families.

Essential Knowledge and Abilities:

Knowledge of appropriate psychiatric social work techniques; policies and procedures of the agency; applicable State, Federal, and County laws, rules, and regulations; and various community resources. Ability to make accurate assessments, help patients in appropriate treatment, communicate effectively orally and in writing, and interact effectively with other health professionals, patients and their families, and the general public. Able to fulfill physical demands of job, sensory demands (seeing and hearing), and cognitive demands (concentration, conceptualization, memorization).

Training and Experience:

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