

Mental Health Specialist

Location:	OK - Lawton	Job Type:	Health Care Professional Services
Base Pay:	N/A	Required Education:	Graduate Degree
		Required Experience:	At least 2 year(s)
Other:	Health Insurance, 401(k) and Paid Vacation	Required Travel:	None
Employee Type:	Full-Time	Relocation Covered:	Yes

Description:

This position provides comprehensive intervention and psychological assessments of inmates for a diverse and complex caseload using advanced treatment modalities. The duties include provisions of treatment planning and follow-up on caseload.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Provides mental health evaluation, therapeutic intervention, and crisis intervention for offenders, as well as staff consultation on mental health issues.
- Provides emotional support and encouragement to inmates and their families.
- Coordinates activities with other staff as necessary, communicates psychological practice to staff members, and works with other staff members as part of interdisciplinary treatment team.
- Maintains contacts with outside agencies and community resources to facilitate re-entry.
- Plans, prioritizes, and manages individual treatment programs by evaluating an inmate's functioning; conducting intensive interviews; and gathering historical, legal, and technical data in order to determine and implement the most effective type of psychological intervention. Provides advanced psychological care to individuals and groups when this intervention is determined to be appropriate.
- Determines where specialized treatment is indicated to overcome major problems involving social dysfunctions, behavioral disorders, and/or severe risk of self or others and arranges for treatment.

- Participates in quality assurance review activities.
- Interviews offenders on restricted housing units for mental status examinations.
- Maintains detailed case records and official reports on clients, charting and reviewing the treatment provided, recommendations made, progress of each case, and treatment planning, utilizing consultation as needed. Maintains statistics on caseload. Make specific referrals to psychiatrists, psychologists, medical staff, and chaplains.
- Determines disciplinary process recommendations.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Requirements

- Master's degree in social work, psychology, or other behavioral health disciplines from an accredited school or master's level professional counselor with two years of case work and counseling experience. State certification is highly preferred.
- Must be mature, professional, cooperative and empathetic to the program needs of the agency, facility and inmates.
- Experience in working with an offender population is highly desired.
- Ability to reinforce facility rules and procedures.
- Ability to discuss with inmate's needs and concerns and initiate problem identification and problem solving techniques.
- Ability to work with computers and the necessary software typically used by the department.

Please contact Paul Rose (Recruiter) at 561-883-3985 if you are interested in this opportunity or submit your resume to prose1@bellsouth.net .