



AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), one of the largest non-profit AIDS service organizations in the United States, provides bilingual direct services, prevention education and leadership on HIV/AIDS-related policy and legislation.

MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST, RESIDENTIAL

DIVISION: CLIENT SERVICES

OBJECTIVE:

Under the supervision of the Program Manager of Residential Services, the Residential Mental Health Specialist will provide one-on-one individual counseling sessions to clients accessing Residential Services and will provide emotional support to the Housing Case Managers.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provide mental health intakes, biopsychosocial assessments; develop a treatment plan that addresses the collaborative clinical goals of clinician and client; document treatment progress notes; provide treatment termination & case closure.

Provide crisis counseling/intervention to clients and their loved ones.

Provide individual, couple and group counseling for APLA clients that access Residential Services.

Develop and provide community educational presentations on psychosocial issues faced by persons living with HIV disease who are challenged by not having stable housing.

Provide mental health referrals, advocacy, and service information to clients and their loved ones.

Attend APLA MH trainings and case conference meetings.

Prepare reports and statistics as requested.

Maintain client mental health files to ensure completed documentation required by funders and agency Quality Management Plan.

Consult with other APLA staff and community ASOs regarding mental health issues, as needed.

Perform other duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS:

Training and Experience:

A Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology, Social Work or a related field.

Knowledge of:

HIV mental health issues; DSMIV; various theoretical orientations; treatment modalities; clinical techniques and interventions; treatment planning; biopsychosocial assessment; crisis intervention and reporting obligations.

Ability to:

Effectively counsel persons infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS; communicate effectively orally and in writing; organize work in an effective manner; work in a collaborative, interdisciplinary, high stress, fast paced work environment; work effectively independently and as part of a team; communicate and relate to a variety of personalities, ethnicities, and sexual orientations. The ability to effectively communicate in Spanish is preferred.

WORKING CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

This is primarily an office position that requires only occasional bending, reaching, stooping, lifting and moving of office materials weighing 25 pounds or less. The position requires daily use of a personal computer and requires entering, viewing, and revising text and graphics on the computer terminal and on paper. Some weekend and weeknight hours required to attend special events and meetings. Some domestic travel will be required

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must possess a valid California driver's license; proof of auto liability insurance; must have the use of a personal vehicle for work-related purposes.

To apply, send resumes to:

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