



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 (PART-TIME)

DIVISION: CLIENT SERVICES

OBJECTIVE:

Under the direction of the Program Manager of Mental Health Services, conduct individual-level, client-centered sessions to promote the adoption and maintenance of HIV risk reduction behaviors.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Mental Health Prevention Specialist is a member of the MH multidisciplinary clinical team responsible for assessing psychosocial and HIV-related needs; facilitating the implementation of an individualized risk reduction counseling service plan through individual counseling, referral and follow-up. The MH Prevention Specialist provides ongoing HIV-risk reduction counseling to high-risk HIV-positive men and HIV-negative men exhibiting factors known to impact transmission risk such as homelessness, mental disorders, substance abuse, abusive relationships, and/or sex in high-risk venues.

These Services will be provided in service planning area (SPA) 6 of Los Angeles County.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Identify high-risk clients, conduct initial screening & risk assessments, conduct intake & assessment, develop a client centered risk reduction treatment plan with clients, schedule initial appointments and follow up counseling sessions, maintain client log; implement documentation according to OAPP requirements.

Attend weekly supervision meetings with Mental Health Program Manager or LINKS Clinical Supervisor.

Identify resources and services for clients in SPA 6 and assist clients in accessing service needs.

Engage in outreach and recruitment in SPA 6 in order to meet contract requirements.

Assist with the completion of monthly reports.

Assist with program evaluation activities as outlined in the scope of work and evaluation plan.

Other duties as assigned to meet program goals and objectives.

REQUIREMENTS:

Training and Experience:



Master's degree in Social Work, Counseling, Clinical Psychology or related fields, such as nursing or health education; proficiency in conducting a mental health biopsychosocial assessment; excellent written and verbal skills; crisis intervention experience, knowledgeable of HIV risk behaviors, substance abuse and same sex behavior; training and experience in harm reduction techniques, understanding of the role underlying mental health issues play in HIV transmission behaviors; cultural and linguistic sensitivity. Ability to work with a diverse population. English/Spanish preferred.

Knowledge of:

HIV risk reduction counseling; HIV Prevention strategies; HIV psychosocial issues; DSM IV; various theoretical orientations; treatment modalities; clinical techniques and interventions; treatment planning; biopsychosocial assessment; crisis intervention; reporting obligations and available community services and resources; motivational interviewing, theories of change and harm reduction methods.

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. Prepare monthly reports and monitor grant budgets.

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. Some driving (or other form of transportation) is also required. 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 may be required

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

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

To apply, send resumes to:

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