



SENECA COUNTY

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CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



**Senior Mental Health Clinical
Therapist
2019 RATE \$28.32 per hour**

Full benefits package including NYS Retirement

RESIDENCY: Seneca County's residency requirement of residency in Seneca County or contiguous county for 30 days has been waived for this position. Candidates must be legal residents of New York State at time of application.

Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of the municipality in which appointment is to be made for at least one month prior to the date of application and are residents of such municipality at the time of appointment.

PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS: College graduates with student loans may be eligible to have part of their loan paid for after being employed in a full-time position at Seneca County. Additional information is available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/public-service-loan-forgiveness.pdf>.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling or other related degree; AND

Possession of a Limited Use Permit (MHC-P) or License as a Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) issued by the New York State Department of Education at time of examination;

NOTE: The minimum qualifications for this position are mandated under Article 154 of New York State Education Law.

*****Preference will be given to candidates who have experience with adults and children*****

Please apply online at <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

Applications Accepted

Until Position Is Filled

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The work involves responsibility for performing professional clinical and non-clinical mental health activities. The duties and responsibilities vary according to assignment, but the incumbent generally provides direct clinical mental health services including ongoing individual, group and/or family psychotherapy. Employees in this class differ from the regular Mental Health Clinical Therapist by virtue of their increased opportunity for more independent action, and their supervision of lower level clinicians.

In addition to the above-noted features, the Senior Mental Health Clinical Therapist also administers or assists in administering mental health program operations and policies and procedures may also assist in the identification, pursuit and implementation of new/innovative programs and funding sources (i.e. responding to RFPs for new services). The incumbent also identifies, assesses and manages a variety of individual and family problems related to mental illness and disability. The incumbent generally provides direct mental health treatment services to individuals and families including ongoing individual, or group psychotherapy, AND may also provide clinical oversight for other clinical staff, or others as deemed appropriate. Does related work, including emergency "call-outs" as required.

The work is performed under the direct clinical supervision of the Director of Community Mental Health Services and/or Program Director of Clinical Services. When assigned to the Seneca County Jail, the work is also performed under the administrative supervision of the County Sheriff and/or the Captain of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only):

Plans, develops, implements and evaluates a program providing specialized mental health treatment services
May perform various phases of program administration including program budgeting, planning, reporting, responding to Requests for Proposals, and keeping abreast of current Federal and state rules and regulations;
Compiles case records and maintains statistical records on case load and work activities;
Prepares and maintains a variety of reports: assessments; progress notes; treatment plans and summaries; and discharge plans;

When assigned to Seneca County Community Counseling Center:

Provides intensive individual and group therapy to individuals, including children and families, with emotional, social and related problems;
Serves as a member of the clinic team, providing mental health, social work or psychological expertise, to assist in assessing and diagnosing patients and planning for their treatment;
Works independently in making complete intake studies of new or readmitted patients;
Provides consultation services for other community agencies to assist them in understanding and working with individual cases;
Attends and participates in in-service training programs for clinic staff and staff members of cooperating agencies;
Takes part in speaking engagements, panel discussions and community meetings concerned with community mental health programs;
Refers patients to community agencies, which can provide necessary services;
Works directly with Program Director of Clinical Services to administer, develop policies and procedures as well as supervise staff providing clinical services to children and families with particular focus on county school based services.;
Serves as a member of the "On Call" team;
Participates as a member of the emergency crisis intervention team on call after normal office/ business hours;
May transport clients.

When Assigned to Seneca County Jail:

Conducts inmate intakes and assessments (i.e. psychosocial, mental health, lethality) at the request of inmates and/or jail staff, and/or as per agency and state regulations;

Develops treatment plans in consultation with Mental Health Department staff, Sheriff's Department Corrections and Medical Staff and other agencies (as appropriate and allowed), to address an inmate's psychosocial needs;

Reviews cases and recommends treatment plans for lower level Jail Mental Health Masters' level clinicians;

Provides ongoing individual, and group and psychotherapy under clinical supervision;

Provides crisis intervention services to inmates;

Gathers information regarding inmates by contacting (when allowed and appropriate) family members, concerned others, school personnel, other behavioral health and healthcare providers and any others familiar with the inmate;

Provides service coordination for other services inmates may need (i.e. alcohol/drug evaluation and treatment, GED etc.) while incarcerated;

Makes community service referrals on behalf of inmates to facilitate transitions back into the community and/or to other levels of care;

Monitors and reviews treatment plans with inmates by maintaining on-going contact with inmates receiving service and other service providers and routinely updates supervisors of progress;

Attends staff meetings of Jail and Mental Health Department staff as needed, training sessions and workshops on social work issues;

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND/OR PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the practices and procedures of mental health therapy, social work or psychology; good knowledge of modern mental health and forensic mental health principles and practices; ability to interpret federal, state and local laws and regulations affecting mental and health programs; good knowledge of modern principles and practices related to individual, group and family psychotherapy; good knowledge of the principles and practices related to conducting psychosocial intakes and assessments; working knowledge of community service agencies and programs; ability to provide individual, group and/or family psychotherapy; ability to develop and implement a mental health treatment plan; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to organize and maintain accurate records and files; ability to analyze and organize data and prepare records and reports; ability to supervise staff and support administration of clinical services to youth and families.

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