



Mental Health Counselor

Mental health skill-building services shall be defined as goal directed training to enable individuals to achieve and maintain community stability and independence in the most appropriate, least restrictive environment. MHSS shall include goal directed training in the following areas in order to qualify for reimbursement: functional skills and appropriate behavior related to the individual's health and safety; activities of daily living, and use of community resources; assistance with medication management; and monitoring health, nutrition, and physical condition.

Providers shall be reimbursed only for training activities related to these areas, and only where services meet the revised service definition, service eligibility, and service provision criteria and guidelines as described in the regulations and this manual.

Immediate Supervisor: Program Director

Education: It is preferred that Mental Health Counselor shall have a Bachelor's Degree in the human services field, or 122 hours of college credits and 1 year of experience working with individuals with mental health diagnoses in a clinical setting.

Responsibilities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Providers direct support, coaching and education services to identified clients and their families. ◆ Completes ISP's, monthly, quarterly reports. ◆ Assists in planning of services ◆ Provides parent education and support. ◆ Models and teaches problem-solving techniques. ◆ Conducts psycho-educational sessions to enhance one's functioning. ◆ Provides linkage to community-based services and supports; provides advocacy and support for family with these services. ◆ Coordinates scheduling of appointments, as needed. ◆ Coordinates and provides transportation, as needed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Available for 24-hour crisis intervention and family support. ◆ Is responsible for the proper and timely documentation. ◆ Maintains regular and ongoing contact with referring agencies, as well as other agencies involved in client's case. ◆ Actively coordinates and plans discharge and aftercare plans with referring agency. ◆ Attends interagency meetings, as necessary. ◆ Attends and participates in team meetings, orientation, in-service training, and conferences as scheduled. ◆ Attends supervision. ◆ Performs other duties as assigned |
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Qualifications

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Knowledge of mental health counseling and techniques. ◆ Knowledge of community base services and case management. ◆ Knowledge of DSM IV-R (diagnoses). ◆ Knowledge of medication treatment. ◆ Knowledge of supervision, leadership and management. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Knowledge of licensing and human rights regulations. ◆ Knowledge of effective interviewing skills. ◆ Successful completion of criminal background checks. ◆ Successful completion of Behavioral Management techniques ◆ Successful completion of CPR and First Aid |
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