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Crisis Clinician
Parks Youth Ranch
The Crisis Clinician will develop, coordinate, and implement clinical and other related services impacting the mental health of clients served by the agency. S/he will plan and administer training services on mental health to staff. Also, the incumbent will provide support to the Executive Director and Shelter Administrator. Duties and Responsibilities
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and telephone with the individual's case manager, and other personnel involved the care of each client.11. Incumbent will have the capacity to function as a member of an
interdisciplinary team.12. Incumbent will consistently assess for any ethical dilemmas that may arise and resolve the situation using best-practices.
13. Incumbent will participate in agency staff meetings, and case consultations as needed.

- required to participate in institutes, seminars, workshops, conferences, independent study programs, college academic or continuing education courses that are related to and/or enhance clinical practice.
- 15. Incumbent will attend Fort Bend Connect professional meetings will the goal of facilitating and maintaining county interagency networking/collaboration, resource attainment and service coordination. Incumbent will then report relevant information to the Executive Director.
- 16. If family reunification is expected, incumbent will conduct a family reunification session prior to the client discharging from the program, when possible.
- 17. Incumbent will participate in circle of support meetings with the client, client's case manager, and other personnel involved the care of each client.
- 18. Incumbent will be responsible for developing training curricula related to mental health for direct care staff.
- 19. Incumbent will provide training presentations/workshops to direct care staff and other personnel as needed.
- 20. Incumbent will develop and maintain service and outcome data related to clinical programming.
- 21. Incumbent will develop, maintain, implement and revise internal agency policies and procedures for clinical services.
- 22. Incumbent will support the Executive Director and Shelter Administrator in program development.
- 23. Incumbent will assist and work with the Executive Director regarding strategic and long-range planning as needed.

Qualifications

Licensed as an LMSW (under board approved clinical supervision plan), LCSW, LPC, or LMFT

Additional Preferred Qualifications: Bilingual in Spanish and be certified in Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavior Therapy.

Other Related Information

Incumbent will have a working knowledge of the following:

- · psychopharmacology
- trauma-informed care
- · co-occurring disorders
- juvenile justice issues/delinquency including, but not limited to truancy, probation and incarceration
 - residential programs
 - · foster care youth
 - · runaway and homeless youth
 - · substance abuse
 - · child abuse victims and witnesses
 - public health issues impacting at-risk youth (STI, HIV, pregnancy)

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