

Homebased Advocate

Macomb County

Program: Child, Youth and Family Services

Reports to: Team Lead

Status: Full Time Non-Exempt

Supervises: N/A

Position Summary: The Homebased Advocate works with children and adolescents within Macomb County, to promote optimum mental health. Will help individuals deal with addictions and substance abuse; suicide; stress management; problems with self-esteem; and issues associated with mental and behavioral health.

License/Certification: MA/MSW degree in mental health related field with limited or full state licensure.

Min. Qualifications: One year of experience. Field placement or internship in a mental health setting preferably with the chronically mentally ill population may be considered with community based focus. **Must reside in Macomb County.**

Desired Qualifications: 3 years of master level experience in the examination, evaluation, and evaluation of adults with mental illness, full state licensure.

Physical Requirements: Must have adequate visual acuity to interact with Electronic Health Record System and accurately input data. Ability to move about for up to 50% of work shift. Must be able to remain in a stationary position for up to 50% of work shift. Occasionally must be able to move up to 20 pounds from one location to another.

Essential Functions:

- Provide a thorough and complete assessment at the time of client admission to assess the client's history and identify treatment needs, updating as needed and minimally on an annual basis.
- Responsible for monitoring, evaluating, and recording client progress with respect to treatment goals.
- Modify person centered plans according to change in client status.
- Make contact with assigned clients in the community at least twice weekly or in accordance with IPOS to ensure level of care is adequate to the needs of the client.
- Completes a person centered plan for each assigned client to identify needs and interventions to meet those needs and reviews plan at stated levels.
- Provides treatment modalities to clients and families as indicated in the treatment plan to provide therapeutic interventions.
- Provides basic coordination of services for each assigned client as needed or required by the treatment plan to coordinate services. Participate in the 24-hour rotational on-call crisis schedule.
- Provide crisis intervention when needed. Completion of lethality risk assessments as indicated (e.g. suicide/homicide/potential for violence/sub abuse) with dispositions and recommendations that are included in IPOS.
- Provide accurate and timely documentation of treatment provided to assigned clients and their families to assure a quality record, per the Agency's policy and procedures.
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- Required to meet productivity standards for program and maintain a utilization review score of 85% or higher.
- Maintain and updates clinical knowledge by readings, in-service training in designated areas and other activities in consultation with clinical supervisor. Complete at least 24 hours of in-service training.
- Ability to write clear, concise reports and the ability to formulate and implement an effective treatment plan.
- Provide transportation as needed and other duties as assigned.