Substance Abuse/ Mental Health Consultant

JOB DESCRIPTION

OVERVIEW:
The Family Treatment and Rehabilitation (FTR) Substance Abuse/ Mental Health Consultant (SMC) is responsible for providing substance abuse and mental health clinical assessment and consultation to families in the FTR program. The FTR program provides culturally competent, developmentally appropriate assessment, treatment, and case management to families with children from birth to age 17 who have either a child or a parent who is struggling with a mental health, substance abuse and/or co-occurring disorder. FTR works with the entire family in an effort to strengthen bonds, address any mental health and/or substance abuse concerns that are affecting the family by providing interventions directly and linking families to ongoing services and support in the community.

RESPONSIBILITIES include but are not limited to:
1. Assist FTR team with completing an initial family assessment and treatment plan that is culturally sensitive and developmentally appropriate to the needs of the youth, family and community. SMC will meet with the family at least once during the initial assessment period that occurs during the first 30 days of treatment (Initial Phase of Treatment) and provide feedback to the team regarding diagnostic impressions and recommendation. SMC will meet with individual family members for individual mental health and/or substance abuse consultations as needed.
2. Assist the team with developing linkages to community based, outpatient and inpatient substance abuse and mental health treatment providers in the community.
3. Assist FTR team with clinical emergencies in the home and community, as needed.
4. Participate in weekly Clinical Diagnostic Team meetings, and bimonthly clinical staff meetings and trainings.
5. Assist FTR team in responding to emergencies, implementing crisis plans and gathering collateral information as needed.
6. Assist FTR team in gathering and reporting data concerning the youth or parent’s past mental health and/or substance abuse assessments, treatment, psychosocial functioning and effectiveness of or barriers in treatment.
7. Assist with home visits and casework contacts as needed.
8. Carry cases, as needed.
9. Other duties, as assigned.

The SMC and supervisor will determine the best use of the SMC’s time based on case acuity (the most acute cases will take priority over less acute cases) and treatment needs of families.

Educational Requirements:
CASAC or LMSW/LCSW with strong substance abuse treatment experience and training.

Required Experience: At least 2 years prior experience working with families, children and adolescents with substance abuse is required.

Preferred Knowledge: Motivational Interviewing, Family Systems theory, CBT, Recovery-oriented treatment models, 12 step models, Harm Reduction models, IDDT (Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment), Stages of Change, relapse prevention plans.

Preferred Experience:
Experience with families children and adolescents with mental health and substance abuse disorders is preferred. Experience working with families involved in the child welfare system is preferred.

Reliable transportation required; New York Driver’s License required.