



Youth Mental Health Court Worker

1 Full time Position – 37.5 Hours Weekly
Flexible schedule including some evenings

Job Posting # YMHCW 11 11

Summary

The Youth Mental Health Court Worker provides supports to Youth Justice Court for youth ages 12-17 with mental health needs. The worker establishes effective linkages between the youth in conflict with the law, the Youth Justice Court and appropriate community mental health and youth justice resources. The worker functions as a short-term bridge between these systems to reduce barriers to youth accessing necessary mental health and ancillary services and to reduce recidivism. In cooperation with and approval of the Youth Justice Court, the worker facilitates the diversion of youth out of the criminal justice system and provides referral supports, case coordination, to link the youth with community based mental health services.

Responsibilities

- Attend court and advocate for youth ages 12-17 within the youth criminal justice sector/setting/environment
- Deliver Mental Health Support Services according to Service Delivery Model
- Assist youth with system navigation linkages to appropriate community services
- Provide needed support including crisis intervention
- Advocate at the youth's request for needed services and supports
- Assist facilitation between client and legal counsel as appropriate/required
- Coordinate services for transition from youth to adult mental health system
- Refer individuals for case management support as appropriate
- Make referrals – health care, other agencies, programs, personal finance, advocacy
- Assess individuals' needs and assist in the development of diversion and/or personal goal plans
- Read & interpret crown notes, legal briefs, docket
- Complete required documentation in a timely manner
- Liason between Youth probation, youth court system and community service providers

Qualifications

- Completed post-secondary diploma or degree in Social Work, Social/Health Sciences or an equivalent combination of recent and relevant education and experience
- Minimum three (3) years recent and relevant experience in a position that includes the direct delivery of community supports to youth (ages 12-17) with involvement in the mental health, concurrent disorders, addictions and justice systems
- Excellent working knowledge of the **Mental Health Act**, **Youth Criminal Justice Act**, **Provincial Offenses Act**, Criminal Code legislation,
- Strong screening and assessment skills
- Strong knowledge and skills in the delivery of mental health services using principles of the psychosocial rehabilitation, strengths based models
- Flexible with demonstrated ability to work independently as well as within a team
- Demonstrated computer/technological proficiency, including the use of Microsoft Office applications
- Requires excellent written and verbal communication skills, leadership, interpersonal, negotiating, organizational, problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Excellent time management skills
- Possess a valid Ontario Driver's License, automobile in good repair and insurance coverage
- Satisfactory police records search and vulnerable sector screening check

Wage Range

\$18.17 to \$21.38 per hour plus a competitive compensation package which includes extended health, dental benefits and pension.

Deadline for Applications: Friday, November 25, 2011

Please reference the **specific** posting # in your cover letter.

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