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LATERAL TRANSFER LIST HAS BEEN CLEARED
ALL OTHER QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MAY APPLY

Location: Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center, 1635 Central Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06610

Job Posting No: SW27926

Hours: 2nd Shift, 4:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m., every other weekend and rotating holidays, 40 hours per week

Salary: (FK 18) $53,653 - $71,725 (Annually)

Posting Date: September 5, 2017  Closing Date: September 11, 2017

Eligibility Requirements: Candidates must have applied for and passed the Mental Health Assistant 2 exam and be on the current certification list promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services for this classification. State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer. Applicants will not have the opportunity to take the exam prior to the above closing date to qualify for this particular vacancy.

Duties may include but not limited to: Coordinate activities and provide oversight and assistance to paraprofessional staff; provide and implement direct care to clients on the Hospital Services Division; participates in assigned nursing, clinical and/or rehabilitative interventions to meet client short and long term needs; advocates for services or resources that meet client needs and preferences; assists client in developing effective strategies for managing internal and external stress; routinely solicits personal goal and preferences; identifies and facilitates use of appropriate support networks; participates in education and training activities to further skill development; participates in admission and discharge planning activities; protects civil rights of clients; maintains a safe and healthy environment; may manage client behaviors through verbal communication as needed; performs related duties as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITY:
Considerable knowledge of psychiatric rehabilitation and/or case management principles, practices and procedures; considerable knowledge of acceptable standards of nursing care; knowledge of dynamics of human behavior; knowledge of hygiene and sanitation; knowledge of safety and fire procedures and security measures; knowledge of community resources and programs; considerable interpersonal skills; considerable communication skills; observation skills; ability to lead staff; ability to supervise client activity; ability to interpret and implement agency and/or facility policies and procedures; ability to apply principles of therapeutic counseling under supervision; ability to develop curricula and instruct groups; organizational ability; ability to understand, interpret and carry out oral and written instructions.

General Experience: Three (3) years’ experience at the level of Mental Health Assistant 1.

Substitutions Allowed:
1. College training in mental health technology, a behavioral science, social work, rehabilitation therapy or its equivalent may be substituted for the General Experience on the basis of fifteen (15) semester hours equaling six (6) months of experience to a maximum of two (2) years.
2. Completion of a mental health trainee certificate program may be substituted for six (6) months of the General Experience.

Special Requirements: Incumbents must possess and retain a current motor vehicle operator’s license. Incumbents may be required to travel.

Working Conditions: Incumbents in this class may be required to lift and restrain clients/patients and may have significant exposure to infectious and/or communicable diseases, strongly disagreeable conditions and risk of injury.

Note: The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

Application Instructions: Qualified candidates who meet the above requirements should submit a State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12)

PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS TO:
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Southwest Connecticut Mental Health System
Human Resources, P.O. Box 1508, Middletown, CT 06457
Fax: (860) 262-6770

Email: SWCMHS.recruit@ct.gov

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The State of Connecticut is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and strongly encourages the applications of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities.

If you are requesting special accommodations under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) please contact Lou Ann Doehrer at (860) 262-6781 or Jean.Walden@ct.gov NP-6