

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES

River Valley Services
JOB OPPORTUNITY
Mental Health Assistant 2 Part Time
RV#44354

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Open To: State Employees

Location: River Valley Services ~ CASP ~ Respite

Job Posting No: **RV#44354**

Schedule/Hours: (8 shifts per payperiod)
Week 1: Mon, Tues, Wed, Week 2: Fri, Sat, Sun, Wed, Thursday, 3:45 pm -12:15 am

Hourly Rate: \$24.95

Closing Date: May 19, 2015

Eligibility Requirements: This is a competitive position. 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: entails working as part of a multi-disciplinary team to provide comprehensive client-centered services in a recovery oriented trauma-sensitive environment. Provide support and structure to clients in the Respite unit which is short-term crisis stabilization/residential unit. Duties include but are not limited to: development of life skills; support and close monitoring to assist in management of risk issues and development of coping skills; provide transportation to appointments and mentoring activities both on and off the unit; participation in positive behavioral plans. Monitor client activities and changes in mental status, behaviors, coping skills and overall comfort level through observation, regular contact and documentation. Provides assistance with areas of daily living; collaborates regularly with clinical team; provides one to one trauma-sensitive interventions and support. Facilitates and participates in activities on the unit and in the community to support recovery including socialization, symptom management, stress reduction and psycho-social education. Work collaboratively with clinical teams, families and outside providers. Participate in development of Respite Treatment and discharge plans.

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

Special Requirements: Incumbents in this class may be required to be bilingual or fluent in American Sign Language. Incumbents in this class may be required to possess and retain a current Connecticut Motor Vehicle Operator License. Incumbents in this class may be required to travel.

Working Conditions: Incumbents in this class may be required to lift and restrain patients/clients; may have exposure to communicable/infectious diseases and risk of injury from assaultive/abusive patients/clients; may be exposed to disagreeable conditions.

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

To be considered for this position:

1. **DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates** (example: Head Nurse applying to a Head Nurse posting) must submit a completed DMHAS Lateral Transfer Form. Lateral Transfer Request Forms received without a position number will not be processed
2. **DMHAS employees who are promotional/demotional candidates** must submit the State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12).
3. **All other State Employees** must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae can be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application.

Application Instructions: Interested and qualified candidates who meet the above requirements should submit a cover letter, a resume, and an Application for Employment to:

RVS-RECRUIT@CT.GOV

FAX: (860) 262-5055

River Valley Services

Office of Human Resources ~ ATTN: Recruitment

P.O. Box 351 ~ Middletown, CT 06457

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