

## **Behavioral Health Specialist**

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Provide direct mental health and substance abuse assessments and treatment to individuals who struggle with substance abuse and mental health concerns. Work with others in a clinical team environment to help individuals move toward recovery.

**ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

1. Provide substance abuse and mental health evaluations/problem identification, crisis interventions, and individual/group to participants.
2. Provide case management services to participants as needed or assigned.
3. Develop treatment plans; monitor treatment progress and follow-up at disposition times.
4. Assist participants with psychological development, social development, and rehabilitation.
5. Assist participants in accessing community support services and health care.
6. Maintain accurate and timely clinical records consistent with OBH standards.
7. Participate in team/department meetings, in-services, and supervisory sessions as required.
8. Perform other duties as assigned.

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

**EDUCATION:**

Master's Degree in social work or counseling. Current license as a LCSW/LPC and/or CAS/LAC in the State of Colorado.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Minimum of three years experience in clinical work. Experience working with the substance abuse and mental health participants and/or individuals involved with the judicial system.

**SKILLS:**

Knowledge of methods of psychotherapy. Knowledge of community resources. Ability to assess crisis situations and intervene appropriately. Familiarity with the DSM IV-V and diagnostic techniques. Effective written and verbal communication skills. Ability to work flexible and on-call hours which may be required.

**SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Assist with program supervision of students/volunteers as determined appropriate.

**MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED:**

Computers, calculators, fax machines, telephone and a variety of other office/clinical equipment.

**TYPICAL PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

Requires sitting, standing, bending and reaching, ability to use office equipment.

**TYPICAL MENTAL DEMANDS:**

Ability to give, receive and analyze information, formulate treatment plans, prepare written materials and articulate goals and action plans. Must demonstrate cultural responsibility and be able to communicate effectively with them.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

Behavioral Health Therapist will be working at one of Denver Metro locations.