

School Linked School Counselor

Department: Medical/Behavioral Health

Reports to: Medical Director

Non-Union Position

The school counselor advises and counsels students regarding short-term social and emotional challenges. The counselor will assist in identifying students who may need targeted or intensive services, and coordinates with behavioral health specialists. Provides brief counseling to address social and emotional concerns and appropriately refers students to behavioral health specialists. Consults, facilitates, and maintains communication with parents, teachers, administrators and pertinent agents.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS REQUIRED

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in social work, psychology or closely related mental health discipline.
- Elementary knowledge and skills relative to diagnosis and treatment of emotional/mental disorders
- Elementary knowledge and skills in working with and utilizing community resources
- Elementary knowledge and skills of the dynamics of casework, group work and community organization
- Ability to accept and utilize supervision and consultation
- Ability to maintain satisfactory working relationships with other employees and general public
- Ability to perform intake, conduct diagnostic interviews and provide counseling services
- Knowledge and experience with Electronic Medical Records is required

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

- Communicates, coordinates and collaborates with behavioral health specialists on developing and implementing student support systems
- Ability to organize tasks and manage time to meet many and varied deadlines
- Communicate effectively with students, parents, school administrators and other staff, including the ability to discuss topics which may be sensitive
- Assists with assessments, intake and patient monitoring
- Provides emergency and crisis intervention services in consultation with assigned supervisor
- Participates in clinical staff meetings
- Provides counseling service to individual clients, groups and families
- Prepares client records, reports, data and required statistics
- May make home visits
- Attends and contributes to public education and informational activities
- Receive immediate training on HIPAA regulations and maintain an up-to-date knowledge of all HIPAA policies and procedures
- Willingness to be cross trained to provide other integrated services as needed
- Has read, reviewed and agrees to work and support the mission statement of MCPHD
- Satisfactorily completes and attends training required for job responsibilities
- Reports any suspected child abuse/neglect to Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
- Any other duties as assigned.