

COUNTY OF SOLANO
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

DEFINITION

Under direction, provides psychological evaluation and psychotherapy services to emotionally disturbed and mentally ill clients and their families; provides consultation to staff and community agencies; performs related duties as required.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This classification is for the fully qualified professional level Clinical Psychologist and is characterized by the performance of professional diagnostic and psychotherapeutic services which requires special training and licensing. Incumbents of this class work as part of the clinical staff in providing community mental health services and may have supervisory responsibilities.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Duties may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Performs individual, group and family counseling and psychotherapy using a variety of treatment modalities to assist clients in exploring and gaining insight into their personality/emotional difficulty and helping them resolve their conflicts.
2. Selects and administers psychological tests and other diagnostic procedures; analyzes and interprets tests and observations of patterns of behavior.
3. Conducts clinical interviews with clients and relatives to elicit information regarding psychologically relevant material.
4. Prepares interpretive reports including diagnosis, prognosis, and other findings relevant to the disposition or treatment of the client (e.g., court reports, URC reports); testifies in court as needed; serves as a technical expert.
5. Consults with other agencies and various community groups regarding mental health issues (e. g., Parent United Group); confers with staff and other departments in case conferences and in-service training sessions; may provide lead supervision to technical and professional staff; addresses professional and lay groups regarding mental health related issues.

QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE

Some experience as a licensed Clinical Psychologist in the treatment of emotionally disturbed and mentally ill clients within a community mental health environment which demonstrates possession of and competency in requisite knowledge and abilities.

KNOWLEDGE/ABILITIES

Thorough knowledge of the theories, principles and practices of clinical and abnormal psychology in the treatment of the mentally ill, emotionally disturbed and/or developmentally disabled persons; psychological treatment modalities; psychological testing devices and methods; family and group dynamics; laws, rules and regulations governing mental health treatment.

Considerable knowledge of community mental health program goals and limitations; community organizations as related to mental health services.

Ability to apply the principles and practices of behavioral observation, psychological testing, scoring and interpretation; perform consultation, counseling and group/individual psychotherapy; formulate psychological diagnosis and treatment plans; communicate effectively with people of diverse socio-economic backgrounds and temperaments; communicate working relationships with professional and lay persons; address various professional and public groups; maintain confidentiality of information; comply with laws, regulations and professional practices governing mental health program services and operations; determine the appropriate course of action in emergency or stressful situation; maintain accurate records and document actions taken.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a Clinical Psychologist license issued by the State Board of Medical Quality Assurance is required in accordance with Section 5600 et. seq. of the California Welfare and Institutions Code. Employees in this class prior to January 1, 1979, are exempt from this license requirement provided they remain in this class and in the Solano Mental Health Department.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Independent travel will be required.

Selectees for employment must as a condition of employment sign a statement agreeing to comply with Section 11166 of the California Penal Code relating to child abuse reporting.