

CHILD PSYCHIATRIST II

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional psychiatric work permitting some latitude for independent judgment in providing professional medical and psychiatric services for children and adolescents. The work is performed under the direction of a higher-level psychiatrist, administrative division head and/or clinical director and may provide work direction to other psychiatrists and professional staff. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Renders psychiatric and neurological diagnostic service for children and adolescents, utilizing the assistance of psychiatric social workers and psychologists;
Participates as a treatment team member in conferences concerned with diagnosis and treatment of children and adolescents;
Provides psychiatric treatment for children and adolescents, utilizing the assistance of psychiatric social workers and psychologists;
Provides consultation to assessment center regarding the appropriate level of care for incoming referrals;
Makes reports to practicing physicians about children and adolescents attending the Center;
Provides consultation to the Trauma team to evaluate children who are victims of physical and/or sexual abuse;
Assists in the identification and treatment of high-risk youths by attending high-risk meetings to review special cases and develop appropriate treatment plans;
Consults with community organizations and individuals concerning the treatment of children and adolescents;
Provides community health education, as assigned;
Performs forensic evaluations (i.e. child custody, visitation, neglect, criminal procedure law exams), as needed;
May represent the Department of Mental Health in county-wide and state-wide mental health initiatives for children and adolescents (e.g. Single Point of Access (SPOA) Committee, child and adolescent workshops, planning committees and conferences).

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the principles and techniques of medical and psychiatric practice of personality development and emotional and behavioral problems in children and adolescents; good knowledge of public health functions in community organizations and of state and local relationships in the work of psychiatric clinics; working knowledge of administrative and supervisory techniques as applied to a Community Mental Health clinical program; ability to supervise and participate as a member of a team in the work of the total clinic program; ability to exercise sound judgment in evaluating situations and making decisions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license to practice medicine in New York State and Board Certification in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or proof of eligibility* for certification; and three (3) years of post-psychiatric residency experience with children and/or adolescents.

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NOTE: Two (2) years of child psychiatric experience in a Community Mental Health or similar setting may be substituted for the required experience.

PROMOTION: One (1) year of permanent status as a Child Psychiatrist and proof of Board Certification in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology at the time of appointment as a Child Psychiatrist II.

*Evidence of licensure by the New York State Education Department to practice medicine and completion of three (3) years of approved resident training in Psychiatry and an additional two (2) years of approved resident training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, together with the candidate's written statement that he/she has applied to take the current or proximate certifying examination with be acceptable proof of eligibility for Board certification.