

SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT SPECIALIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is specialized professional clinical social work which involves a responsibility for the assessment and treatment of child sexual abusers. The work is performed under the general direction of a higher-level clinician and in accordance with applicable laws and policies and supervision may be provided to professional and technical staff. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Reviews all referrals and conduct assessments of child sexual abusers to assess risk for repeat offense and related problems and design treatment plans;
Provides psychotherapy treatment to child sexual abusers and adults at risk for committing child sexual abuse through individual and specialized group therapy;
Facilitate groups in the area of sexual offender education and treatment;
Consults with and provides training to County departments such as Social Services and Probation and to community agencies regarding the appropriate services and referrals of sexual offenders;
Acts as liaison with other members of sexual abuse treatment team;
Acts as an expert witness on sexual offenders for the judicial system when required;
Maintains appropriate documentation required in relation to group and individual client services;
Prepares a variety of reports.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of clinical social work; thorough knowledge of factors contributing to social and emotional maladjustment, especially as applied to child sexual abusers; good knowledge of government regulations relating to the treatment of sexual offenders; good knowledge of relapse prevention; ability to assess pedophilic tendencies; ability to provide appropriate therapeutic treatment to adults and juvenile sex offenders; ability to coordinate with several agencies in treating and referring sexual offenders; ability to make appropriate recommendations to the judicial system and to provide expert witness testimony; ability to work independently in group and individual sessions; ability to prepare documentation and reports.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A Master's degree in Social Work and four (4) years of post-degree paid clinical social work experience in the treatment of sexual offenders and possession of a valid license, with an "R" designation, and current registration, as an LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker) issued by the New York State Department of Education, or a license issued by the New York State Department of Education to practice clinical psychology; or
2. A Doctorate degree in Psychology or Social Work and two (2) years of paid professional work experience in the treatment of sexual offenders and possession of a valid license, with an "R" designation, and current registration, as an LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker), issued by the New York State Department of Education or a license issued by the State of New York to practice clinical psychology.

NOTE: Candidates who possess a limited permit as an LCSW issued by the New York State Department of Education may be appointed on a temporary basis for up to twelve (12) months. Candidates who do not attain licensure within twelve (12) months of appointment may not remain in this title.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Must maintain license and registration as an LCSW issued by the New York State Department of Education throughout the course of employment in this title.