

CHILD PSYCHIATRIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves providing professional medical and psychiatric services for juvenile and adolescent patients in a mental health program. The incumbent is permitted wide latitude to exercise independent professional judgment in planning and executing assignments. Administrative direction is received from the Commissioner of Community Mental Health Services. Direction and training may be provided to resident Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Social Workers and other staff. A high level of interaction with the community and its resources is required to meet the needs of the patient group. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Renders psychiatric and neurological diagnostic services for patients, utilizing the contributions of the social worker and the clinical psychologist as well as other medical professionals, eg, physicians who have performed diagnostic procedures on the patients prior to referral;
Participates in the intake and screening process of patients;
May be required to provide after hours emergency psychiatric services;
Participates in individual, group and family therapy;
Provides chemical and physical therapy to patients;
Conducts daily conferences with staff regarding recommendations for the clinical treatment of patients;
Functions as the leader of an interdisciplinary treatment team;
Provides aftercare to insure continuity of service;
Provides referral information to alternate placement facilities;
Participates in in-service training of various trainees and non-professionals;
Participates in informational and educational community activities to further community knowledge in the detection and prevention of psychiatric disorders;
Prepares evaluation and progress notes on patients and related clinical reports;
May provide medical/legal examinations and appear as an expert witness in court proceedings.
May coordinate program operations for the adolescent day treatment program.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough professional knowledge of the practice of child psychiatry;
Thorough knowledge of mental disease diagnostic techniques and accepted modes of treatment as they apply to children;
Good knowledge of current psychiatric treatment and trends;
Ability to supervise and instruct staff members;

Ability to develop good community relations;
Ability to write clear and concise reports;
Ability to establish effective working relations with others;
Ability to exercise sound judgment in evaluating patient condition
and making decisions on an appropriate course of treatment;
Ability to gain the trust and cooperation of patients;
Ability to perform close, detail work involving considerable visual
effort and strain;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A) Possession of a current license to practice medicine issued by the New York State Department of Education; AND
- B) Possession of a valid certificate in child psychiatry and psychiatry issued by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology; AND
- C) Three years of formal or supervised training in an in-patient or out-patient mental health program which provided treatment to children; AND
- D) One additional year of clinical experience in child psychiatry.