

**KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
APPROVED AUGUST 2014
SALARY SCHEDULE: #50
RANGE: 59.5
CLASSIFIED
CODES: 2**

MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

DEFINITION

The Mental Health Clinician will provide a full range of educationally related mental health services to students within the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) including assessment, development of individual treatment plans, goals and objectives; individual, group and family counseling; and collaboration with school and district staff as identified for implementation through the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Assess and create intervention plans consistent with best practice and evidence-based treatments;

provide collateral interventions to teachers, school psychologists, and other school staff;

provide family and parent interventions to student families;

provide social work services to assist in connecting families to local resources;

create social emotional goals for IEPs;

monitor progress and collect data related to IEP goals;

work closely with outside mental health providers;

maintain appropriate records of services rendered;

additional activities and responsibilities as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles, techniques, and trends in counseling, psychotherapy and various treatment modalities;

biological, behavioral and environmental aspects of emotional disturbances, mental disability, or substance abuse;

the scope and activities of public and private health and welfare agencies and other available community resources;

principles and techniques of mental health consultation, education and prevention within the community.

Ability to:

Work in an office environment;

work in a classroom environment during observation or skill application;

perform possible home visits to meet and work with student families and/or support systems;

work with interruptions and possible crisis situations;

travel extensively within, as well as, outside of, metro area to reach students at their school sites;

work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to coordinate and maximize treatment impact;

meet the physical requirements of the job.

Experience and Education:

Master's degree from an accredited university and/or college with major coursework in social work, psychology, and counseling or closely related field.

At least one year experience in providing mental health services, social services, case management, and counseling with children.

Must possess one of the following valid California licenses:

Marriage and Family Therapist,

Clinical Social Worker,

intern registration as an Associate Clinical Social Worker, or

intern registration as a Marriage and Family Therapist Intern.

Candidates from out of state who hold a comparable license may be considered with the stipulation that they are eligible for an appropriate California license and obtain the license within one year of employment in this classification.

Conditions of employment:

Some positions may require proof of privately owned automobile insurance and possession of a valid California Motor Vehicle operator's license which must be maintained for the duration of the assignment.

Fingerprint clearance by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice is a condition of appointment after all other required job conditions have been met.

Must present verification of completion of Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training or obtain verification within six (6) weeks of hire and annually thereafter, as required by the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

This position has a probationary period of six months or 130 days, whichever is longer.

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