



SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Tribal Mental Health Counselor

Education Requirements

Masters Degree in Counseling, Licensed Mental Health Counselor

Skills Required

- Appreciation of and sensitivity to cultural and spiritual issues
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Understanding of psychological and social development of children
- Group dynamics experience and group leadership
- Case management and working with other agencies
- Crisis intervention including suicide, domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse/neglect, and death
- Ability to work as a team member
- Flexibility and willingness to accept direction from supervisors
- Ability to interview, gather information, ask appropriate questions, perform assessments, and initiate treatment
- Computer literate
- Commitment to expanding skills through experience and educational opportunities including Continuing Education, CPR, QPR, ASIST
- Experience and training in multi-cultural services
- Ability to establish and maintain rapport with youths
- Ability to remain calm, focused, and supportive during extreme stress

Duties

- Provide counseling to elders, adults, teens and children in the clinical setting, schools, and/or through home visits.
- Write letters as requested by clients, school, court, and other agencies
- Attend court sessions with clients
- Electronic Record keeping including; billing, intakes, progress notes, treatment plans, consultation notes, monthly reports, faxes/copies
- Initiate, facilitate and conduct group sessions relationships
- Attend suicide prevention training and provide intervention and information to clients
- Accompany clients to teen clinics, medical center, dental appointments, and hospital as needed
- Presentations for the Fitness Center and Wellness Program on topics such as depression
- Attend weekly staff meetings

- Attend monthly meeting to maintain state requirements
- Provide QPR training as requested (Suicide Prevention Program)
- Attend Continuing Education classes to meet mental health specialists requirements
- Write articles for the qyuuq (Kee Yoks) publication on mental health issues as requested
- Schedule and provide individual 30 to 90 minute therapy sessions minutes
- Communicate with supervisors, social workers, CPS, DSHS, Probation, Swinomish Police Dept., Wellness Program
- Crisis intervention as needed at schools and tribal facilities
- Attend cultural events including; funerals, Canoe Journey, community dinners, Health Fairs and other opportunities to support and advocate for clients