Mental Health Therapist
(Spanish-speaking)

Job Description

Position Title: Mental Health Therapist (Spanish-speaking)
Position ID: 21-01-10002
Sector: Mental Health

Reports to: Manager, Community Health
Employment Type: Full-Time, Independent Contractor
Location: Brooklyn, NY (Sunset Park)

About AMPHS

Academy of Medical & Public Health Services (AMPHS) is a Brooklyn-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating barriers to accessing health care for immigrants and other underserved communities in NYC. Every year, we proudly serve and connect more than 10,000 New Yorkers to healthcare systems. For more information, please visit www.amphsonline.org or follow our work at www.facebook.com/AMPHS.NYC.

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AMPHS is recruiting a Spanish-speaking Psychotherapist to provide mental health counseling services to the low-income and uninsured Latino immigrant communities in Sunset Park, Brooklyn as an expansion of its current mental health counseling program. AMPHS currently provides culturally-appropriate social service counseling, social support, care coordination and case management, working closely with clinical staff to address health risk factors and other social determinants of health, including, but not exclusive to domestic violence and child abuse, housing, living conditions, etc. The social work team offers ongoing follow-up, basic motivational interviewing, and goal-setting with community members and their families, especially those with complex conditions, while monitoring and evaluating clients’ progress and modifying treatment plans accordingly.

The mental health therapist will work closely with the AMPHS social work and community health worker team to complement their work and offer needed psychotherapy services to community members screened as at-risk. He or she will be working with the vulnerable immigrant populations of Sunset Park – many who have been victims of domestic abuse, violence, trafficking, and family separation – to address acute mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, lifestyle issues, trauma, grief, coping, relationship issues, and substance use.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Developing an initial assessment and a prospective Treatment Plan for each new client at intake.
- Engaging community members in weekly (or as needed) individual and/or group sessions based on the utilization of Evidence Based practice interventions and the Treatment Plan.
- Documenting progress toward goals and ensuring fidelity in weekly Progress Notes documenting contact and outcomes.
- Working with social work and community health worker teams to facilitate referrals for community members as needed to community-based, culturally-linguistically-competent agencies for needed social services.
- Meeting regularly with the Supervisor to discuss concerns and carry out plans for each client.
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- Attending and participating in all appropriate clinical case conferences, training sessions, and staff meetings.
- Alerting appropriate members of the Executive Management team of emergencies, which jeopardize the client's stability within the community or family so that available resources may be used to meet immediate needs on an ongoing basis.
- Managing a regularly assigned caseload of community members at AMPHS open hours and record care management information in the EMR system no later than 24 hours after contact.
- May be required to perform other duties as assigned, including conducting occasional community workshops on mental health.

Minimum Qualifications:

- **Education:** LCSW, LMHC, LMFT with C&A, PhD (Psychologist), or PsyD (psychologist) required. Limited permit counselors are ineligible for this position.
- **Experience:** 1-4 years of practical psychotherapy experience working with English and Spanish-speaking, low-income immigrant populations and adults, children, and adolescents.
- **Language:** Oral and written fluency in Spanish and English required, with ability to provide psychotherapy in these languages.
- **Competent technology skills,** including proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint); knowledge of electronic health records a plus, but not required (training provided).
- Good communication and listening skills.
- Ability and willingness to provide emotional support, encouragement and motivation to patients.

Work Requirements:

- **Time Commitment:** 10-15 hours/week with a flexible schedule to start. Full-time schedule after the first 2-3 months once caseload is built up. Occasional Saturday availability required.
- **Location:** For COVID-19 safety measures, all psychotherapy services and related work will be conducted remotely through a HIPAA-compliant, AMPHS-supported telehealth platform until the organization and its staff deem it safe to return to AMPHS facilities.

Compensation:

- Hourly Rate is commensurate with experience.
- This is a grant-funded, independent contractor position with the opportunity for annual contract renewal.
- AMPHS offers opportunities to learn from industry experts to help you advance in the field of public health, health policy, immigration and nonprofit administration.

To Apply

Sounds like you? Send your cover letter, resume, and license to personnel.resources@amphsonline.org for immediate consideration. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling first-come, first-served basis.

Equal Opportunity Employer

AMPHS is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.