

FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM



Mental Health Counselor (Full-Time)

The Hampden County Correctional Center's Forensic Mental Health Services program is seeking an enthusiastic and experienced Mental Health Counselor. The Mental Health Counselor is responsible for the supervision and support of the patients admitted to or on respite at the HCSD Evaluation and Stabilization Unit (ESU) and the clients living in the Mental Health Unit (MHU). The MH Counselor establishes and maintains a therapeutic / supportive environment for individuals in the ESU/MHU. The MH counselor is responsible for supporting and implementing suggested strategies for individual ESU/MHU treatment plans. The MH Counselor maintains relevant information and submits reports as necessary to perform duties to promote the safe, effective and efficient operation of the institution in accordance with prescribed policies and procedures.

Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's of Science Degree and/or three (3) years' experience working with the mentally ill population
- Strong observation skills and ability to make appropriate treatment and safety referrals
- Ability to facilitate positive and productive group meetings with the inmate population and psycho-educational classes/groups as well
- Ability to communicate with program participants, program staff, and other criminal justice/ treatment professionals in a clear, direct and respectful manner
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to prepare effective, concise and accurate written reports
- Strong crisis intervention skills
- Bilingual skills in speaking, writing and reading English/ Spanish are preferred
- Strong computer skills inclusive of report writing with working knowledge of Microsoft Office 2010
- Ability to perform all job functions under strict deadlines
- Ability to work any day or work shift
- Valid Driver's License
- Known and accessible telephone number

Starting Salary: \$42,632.60
Benefits: Commonwealth Program
Schedule: Tuesday – Saturday; 3PM – 11PM

Submit current Resume & Cover letter to Human Resources Dept.

(Attn. Gregory Pytka, Employment Manager)

Hampden County Sheriff's Department

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Applicants subject to background investigation, drug screening and medical clearance.

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