



Camelot Care Centers, Inc. is seeking a P/T Therapeutic Mentor, Community Support Specialist

**Summary of Duties:**

The Mentoring Programs strives to connect high-risk youth with adult Therapeutic Mentors who will service as a positive role model, provide support and assistance, and engage the young person in activities directly responsive to his/her current high risk behaviors. The overarching goal of our program is to assist disadvantaged youth, and to develop coping skills in order to navigate some of their most challenging life circumstances. The role of the Therapeutic Mentor is to work directly with those youth who have a higher need for target mentoring and greater number of hours of mentoring each week. Reporting to the Mentor Specialist, the Therapeutic Mentor is responsible for completing sufficient training, both at the outset of their work and on an ongoing basis. The Mentor will carry out all responsibilities of the position as defined below.

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS-** This position requires the following additional qualifications

- Valid State Driver's License (In good standing).
- CPR & First Aid Certification within 30 days from date of hire
- Appropriate automobile insurance (at least state minimum)
- Current physical and TB (PPD) test
- Signed employee acknowledgement of physical health and infection control responsibilities

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:** Other duties may be assigned.

- Ability to work flexible schedules, and be available on a 24-hour basis when requested.
- Ability to use their own vehicle for transportation of clients, and must be able to provide their own transportation to and from their assigned place of work.
- Establishing relationships with the youth and engaging them in skill building activities.
- Working with youth on a range of developmentally appropriate behaviors: i.e. increasing impulse control, building socialization skills, delayed gratification, exploring academic pursuits and enhancing self-esteem.
- Identifying activities for each youth assigned and participating in community activities that give the youth opportunities to practice newly learned behaviors.
- Having a working knowledge of local support/counseling services available to the youth.
- Identifying need for educational/vocational support and linking youth to appropriate services.
- Referring youth to adjunct services as necessary, working collaboratively with other agency providers.
- Completing all necessary paperwork, including tracking of progress and outcomes.
- Providing regular updates to the Program Manager.

**Specific Education, Certification and Skill Requirements:**

**Minimum requirements:** Rehabilitative Services Associate or RSA - An RSA must be at least 21 years of age, be a high school graduate or have a GED certificate, have demonstrated skills in the field of services to adults or children, have demonstrated the ability to work within the provider's structure and accept supervision, and have demonstrated the ability to work constructively with clients, treatment resources and the community. Any individual meeting the minimum credentials for an MHP, QMHP or LPHA under this Part is deemed to also meet the credentialing requirements of an RSA. Any individual employed as an RSA prior to July 1, 2013 may continue to be so designated unless employment changes.

**Minimum Educational Requirements:** A certificate of psychiatric rehabilitation from a DHS- approved program plus a high school diploma plus 2 years experience in providing mental health services; a recovery support specialist certified from, and in good standing with, the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association, Inc.; a family partnership professional certificate from and in good standing with the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association, Inc.; an occupational therapy assistant licensed under the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act [225 ILCS 75] with at least one year of experience in a mental health setting; or a minimum of a high school diploma and 5 years supervised clinical experience in mental health or human services.

Camelot offers competitive salary, mileage reimbursement & benefits. Vehicle required. Pre-employment background check required.