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**Contract Mental Health Counselor**

**Summary:**

This Denver-based contract position provides individual counseling for MHYC Corpsmembers between the ages of 16-24, from highly diverse backgrounds. The counselor works closely with program staff to promote youth development and mental health wellness.

Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC) helps youth make a difference in themselves and their community through meaningful service opportunities and educational experiences. Each year, approximately 200 Corpsmembers—youth between the ages of 16 and 24—participate in MHYC programs while earning an income, learning hands-on job skills, and, for some, pursuing their high school equivalency while serving in their communities, public parks and open spaces across 22 counties in metro Denver and the Southern Front Range.

**Reports to:** Deputy Director

**Essential Functions:**

**Therapeutic Interventions (80%):**

- Meet regularly with MHYC program staff to assess Corpsmember counseling needs.
- Provide Corpsmembers with individual counseling in accordance with contractor’s level of training, certification and/or scope of practice. Depending on the MHYC program, counseling sessions will occur on a bi-weekly or an as-needed basis.
- Coordinate with the program staff and the Case Manager for Resources to identify and access additional resources as needed (i.e. drug and alcohol rehabilitation, long-term counseling services, etc.).
- Serve as the on-call counselor when mental health emergency situations arise to discuss appropriate response and potential referrals.
- Assist program to staff to assess crisis or other emergent situations and take appropriate action to ensure client safety and the safety of all MHYC Corpsmembers and staff.

**Corpsmember and Staff Training (10%)**

- Participate in Corpsmember orientations to provide an introduction to counseling services at MHYC.
- Facilitate group discussions to support the development of interpersonal skills and group dynamics as directed by MHYC program staff.
- Support stress management and other mental health wellness trainings when appropriate.
- Provide staff across all programs with training in early identification and mitigation of mental health stressors and risk factors.

**Administrative Duties (10%)**

- Provide a monthly written report of work completed to the Deputy Director and program coordinators.
- Submit a monthly invoice for work completed by the end of the first week of each month.
- Maintain offsite client files and notes.
Qualifications:

Education: Minimum of Master’s degree in psychology, counseling, clinical social work or a related field.

Experience:

- Expertise in clinical assessment and therapeutic interventions with youth/transition age adults.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with a diverse population of youth/transition age adults, staff and community stakeholders.
- Experience with, working knowledge of, and/or commitment to care delivery that incorporates a social justice perspective around the intersectionality of race, class, gender, sexual orientation and other identities.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Brief/short-term therapy skills and experience preferred.
- Experience with prevention and early intervention approaches, and utilizing trauma informed care/practices preferred.
- Experience and training in solution-focused inquiry and motivational interviewing preferred.
- Bilingual—ability to write and speak English and Spanish preferred.

Requirements:

- Registered with the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA); licensure eligible within the next 12 months.
- No grievances filed with DORA or any other state licensing governance board.
- At least 6 months experience providing behavioral health/counseling services to youth/transition age adults.
- Must possess and maintain professional liability insurance.
- This position may have access to vulnerable populations and therefore must complete a pre-service background check which includes fingerprinting.
- Must fully comply with MHYC policies and procedures

Hours & Compensation:

This is a contract position for approximately 10 hours per week. Tentative hours would require availability on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Compensation is $30-45/hr. based on experience and licensure status. Candidate will be required to sign an independent contractor agreement. Priority consideration for applications submitted by January 20, 2020; position is open until filled.

To Apply:

Email: Send resume and cover letter to staffjobs@mhyc.net (include position title in subject line)
Mail: Send resume and cover letter to: Attn: Antonio Barreiro, Mile High Youth Corps, 1801 Federal Blvd. Denver, CO 80204

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