



Mental Health Project Manager

The mission of the Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center is to increase public trust in the justice system, assist in the reduction of crime, improve the quality of life for its citizens and meet individual needs of those we serve.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Mental Health Project Manager is responsible for identifying, assessing, and connecting people with mental illness to appropriate mental health treatment and services. The Mental Health Project Manager will work with people that are identified and referred through the Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center Community Court program, community partner agencies, defense attorneys, prosecutors, police or sheriffs, 36th District Court Probation Department, 36th District specialty courts, and/or 36th District Court judges, and/or self-identification.

The Mental Health Project Manager will work to identify needs and link these individuals with community resources, including but not limited to, behavioral health treatment, primary health care, housing, employment, and basic needs with the purpose of reducing involvement in the criminal justice system. When enrolled in existing services, the Mental Health Project Manager will work to reconnect and ensure linkage back, when appropriate. This position will provide community-based outreach and engagement-focused case management in order to ensure linkage and relationship with ongoing providers is secure.

The Mental Health Project Manager plays an integral role in supporting the mission of Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center and its aim to provide services, advocate for policies, and create programs to divert mentally ill persons from the jail system to the greatest extent possible.

Essential Functions:

- Ensure services and interventions are strength-based and promote recovery and resiliency.
- Perform a needs assessment for the purpose of identifying resources needed that can be addressed through available community resources to support mental health recovery and reduce jail and hospital days.
- Provide direct linkage between the court system and identified treatment services for individuals served.
- Apply recovery concepts and trauma informed care with all individuals served.
- Nurture relationships and manage interactions with internal staff, outside agencies, governmental units, and community groups.
- Work will include some evenings and travel.
- Other duties as assigned.



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Required Skills:

- Demonstrated knowledge and experience working with community mental health, and individuals with severe and persistent mental illness who come into contact with the local criminal justice system.
- An understanding of case management approaches to provide services to individuals with mental illness.
- Good working knowledge of community and social service resources in Detroit, MI.
- Familiarity with state and local mental health delivery systems, including knowledge of various funding principles and clinical service mandates.
- Good diagnostic assessment skills.
- The ability and skills to work as a team member and understand the criminal justice system.
- A working understanding of the systemic inequities the population experiences from a social justice framework.
- Working knowledge of mental health courts, jail systems, and behavioral dynamics of individuals who become incarcerated.
- Cultural competency and a working understanding of how to provide culturally responsive and culturally informed services.

Required Qualifications:

Master's degree in a social services field required (i.e. LMSW, LPC, LLMSW).

Preferred Qualifications:

- Two years' experience working with individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, individuals with chronic substance use issues, and individuals involved in the criminal justice system.
- At least six months' experience working with courts and criminal justice defendants.
- A working knowledge of co-occurring behavioral health issues.
- Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) and Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC).
- Expertise with co-occurring disorders and forensic background.
- Experience working with individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Fluency in Spanish language

COMPENSATION

This is a full-time position. Compensation is commensurate with experience. Benefits include: health, vision, and dental insurance; flexible spending account with employer contribution; 401(k) with employer contribution; paid time off for certain holidays, sick days and vacation days; flextime is available.



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TO APPLY

Please submit your resume and a cover letter to: **jobs@swdcjc.com**.

For more information on the Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center, go to: www.swdcjc.com.

Closing Date: Until Filled