



YORK PREPARATORY ACADEMY
South Carolina Public Charter School District

TITLE: School Mental Health Therapist

POSITION TYPE: Exempt/Certified

AGREEMENT TERMS: 12 month agreements (Present through 2024-2025 School Year)

SALARY/RATE: Determined by Degree and Experience

REPORTS TO: Associate Managing Director

GENERAL SUMMARY

Under general direction, provides coordination and oversight of school-based mental health and wellness services as a member of the school team. The Mental Health Counselor supports instructional and administrative personnel and provides direct mental health and wellness services and case management to students and families; assists in the development and delivery of school-wide mental health and wellness interventions, programs and trainings.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collaborate with school personnel, parents, community agencies, and/or students to promote optimal learning outcomes for all students.
- Provides mental health and wellness services and programs that foster appropriate behavior; identifies the mental health and behavioral needs of students; develops and implements treatment plans, conducts clinical interviews, assessments and observations; provides individual, group and family therapy services.
- Provide prevention and awareness education on topics such as anger/stress management, cyber safety, self- esteem, grief, relationships, etc. Develop youth leadership and empowerment skills. Provide crisis assistance and truancy intervention.
- Makes recommendations for behavioral health therapy services and maintains and facilitates communication between families, mental health staff and providers.
- Conducts crisis and/or risk assessment and response.
- Conduct comprehensive mental health screenings/assessments in order to determine needs and treatment of individual students
- Implement individual, group or system-level interventions that are proven to promote positive academic, social/emotional, behavioral and independent functioning outcomes.
- Provide staff development for school personnel on various topics to include social/emotional intervention, progress monitoring, behavioral assessment, positive behavioral support, data collection and data analysis.
- Partner with instructional and administrative personnel in support of students who demonstrate aggressive behavior, self- injurious behavior and/or high-magnitude disruptive behavior.
- Provides annual assessment to determine counseling needs, schedules and provide counseling in both individual and group settings.
- Provide outreach and education on mental health issues to families, school staff and community members.
- Provide small group mental health counseling on mental illness, risky behaviors, depression, anxiety, physical, emotional and sexual abuse.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Education Master's degree in Psychology, Counseling or Social Work or be certified and licensed by the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

Experience Three years of experience in education or related field preferred

Knowledge and Skills: Possess a strong knowledge of the common diagnoses and treatments for school aged children and possess the skills to facilitate positive change in a school environment. Skilled in oral and written communication and problem solving.

Working Conditions School environment with limited exposure to outside conditions. Office activities include standing for prolonged periods of time, stooping, bending and may require lifting items weighing up to 50 pounds.

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