



MENDOCINO COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT  
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## Mental Health Therapist

**LOCATION:** Ukiah

**REPORTS TO:** Clinical Director

**THE AGENCY:** The Youth Project is a joint powers agency that works in collaboration with a private non-profit, Mendocino Family and Youth Services. Its mission is to support the development of healthy youth. We offer opportunities for children, adolescents, and their families to acquire the guidance and skills they need to enhance self-esteem and establish healthy relationships so they may contribute to and strengthen our diverse community. The agency has been in existence since 1974, providing services throughout Mendocino and northwest Sonoma counties. Current services include a 24 hour youth crisis program with respite care, youth drop-in centers, school-based prevention education, intervention and treatment programs around children, youth and young adult mental health issues, alcohol, drug, and tobacco use prevention and treatment, family support services, positive youth development and outpatient mental health services.

**THE PROGRAM:** The Mental Health program provides comprehensive mental health services and case management for youth and young adults age 0-24 and their families as well as adults over 24 years with low to moderate needs. We serve children, youth and adults who have full scope Medi-Cal and, through various grants, children and youth who have no financial means to obtain treatment. Specialized services are provided for children and youth who are victims/witnesses to crimes, youth involved in the juvenile justice system who have co-occurring mental health/substance abuse disorders, youth in Juvenile Hall, and young adults in our transitional housing program. Services may be provided in our offices, in schools, in the family's home, or in the community.

**THE POSITION:** This is a Part Time or Full time, Exempt position. Clinicians provide comprehensive mental health services to clients who meet eligibility requirements for at least one of our various funding sources. Clinicians are responsible for providing the primary therapy and case management for each client, and for the accurate and timely maintenance of the client's records. Clinicians are responsible for meeting established goals for direct services.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Complete some client referral and intake paperwork, including valid and informed treatment consents and HIPAA-compliant releases of information, accurately and in a timely manner.
- Perform diagnostic biopsychosocial assessments for each assigned client that document medical necessity, and update annually or sooner if needed.
- Develop client-centered treatment plans and measurable treatment objectives with each client and their caregiver, and update every six months or sooner if needed. Treatment plans and measurable objectives will address the client's assessed condition.
- Provide individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, collateral therapy, crisis counseling, case management, rehabilitative, and other adjunctive services for clients, as indicated by their assessments and treatment plans.
- Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) as appropriate
- Maintain accurate and timely client progress notes documentation consistent with professional and Medi-Cal standards of care and record keeping.
- Work as a member of a treatment team, which may include supervising a rehabilitation specialist or volunteer.



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- Attend program and agency staff meetings as scheduled.
- Other duties as required.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**Minimum:** MA in Counseling or related field, CA BBS licensure as an MFT, LCSW, or Clinical Psychologist, or CA BBS registration as an MFTI or ASW.

**Preferred:** Experience treating youth and their families, providing individual, group, and conjoint family therapy, assessment and treatment planning. Experience working with trauma, child abuse, domestic violence, parental substance abuse, dual-diagnosis, and conduct problems. Experience with Medi-Cal billing. Spanish speaking, familiarity with Latino and Native American communities.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:** This position requires a flexible work schedule to meet the individualized needs of each client, including some evenings. Successful candidate must submit to post offer, reference and personal background check (includes fingerprinting and DMV check). Candidate must have own car possess a valid California driver's license, provide a DMV print out, proof of current automobile liability insurance (\$100,000/\$300,000) and be willing to do some local travel (reimbursed mileage).

**SALARY:** Unlicensed (Intern): \$21.52-24.21 per hour  
Licensed: \$24.91-38.35  
Rate is dependent upon experience as an MFTI or ASW; or BBS licensed. .

**BENEFITS:** Health insurance offered for employee and family (including domestic partners), as well as optional dental, and AFLAC insurance. 18 days paid vacation, 2 floaters, 12 days sick leave, CAL PERS retirement (no Social Security). *Reciprocity with other government/school retirement systems may be possible.*

**START DATE:** Open

**POSITION CLOSES:** When filled

**TO APPLY:** Please submit **ALL** of the following documents to the address above or email to [rsmellus@mcyp.org](mailto:rsmellus@mcyp.org)

1. MCYP employment application
2. Cover letter indicating why you are applying for this position
3. Resume
4. Copies of clinical license or registration, master's degree, CEUs and other trainings

Application forms may be obtained at our office, by mail, e-mail, or fax.

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We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status. Applicants may obtain a copy of our EEO Policy on request.