

Clinical Therapist 3

- Full Time – 80 hours/pay period

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Job Description:

****This position is located at the Life with Cancer Family Center. Pediatrics Experience Required. Play Therapy or Art Therapy Preferred.****

Ability to assess psychosocial distress and mental health disorders related to patient and family goals and needs. Integrates assessment using information related to cultural, clinical, ethnic, age and other factors into plan of care. Documents assessment and plan in clinical record. Performs appropriate evidenced-based clinical interventions for adjustment to illness, trauma, crisis intervention, survivorship and grief. Refers patients/families and caregivers to appropriate resources to enhance positive patient outcomes.

Documents in clinical record as appropriate. Acts as active multidisciplinary team member, to assure that patient is referred to appropriate health care and community resources to optimize treatment outcomes. Participates in patient and community psychoeducational programs. Facilitates support groups for specified disease processes or challenges related to cancer and other chronic or life limiting illnesses and assists with community outreach as needed.

Strives to increase professional knowledge, develop expertise and obtain appropriate CEU's to maintain licensure. Practices within a professional code of ethics and strives to increase professional knowledge, develop expertise, and obtain further licensures or certifications and meet CEU requirements for licensure. Engages in research and growing the related-specialty social work profession through the development of research, abstract writing, publications or participation in research protocols.

Requirements:

Experience: 5 years post Masters level experience (or 1 year if PhD) providing psycho-educational and behavioral health assessment (using valid/reliable instruments) and utilizing evidence-based interventions in oncology, Hospice, palliative care, trauma. Skilled in speaking on psychoeducational topics with a proven ability to create programming.

Education: Master's Degree or PhD in Social Work, Counseling, or Clinical Psychology.

Certification: Per specific licensure (required within 2 years from date in the job)

Licensure: Professional Virginia License: LCSW or LPC or Clinical Psychology.

Special Skills: Advanced knowledge of DSM V relevant to a cancer and other chronic or life limiting illnesses diagnosis and mastery of the fundamentals of the counseling and therapeutic process.

Proven ability to establish goals/treatment plans using a wide range of brief, targeted, evidence-based interventions (including CBT, crisis intervention, trauma, integrative therapies,) for individuals with psychological distress to maintain stable individual and family functioning, increase self-management skills, empower patients to be full participants in their treatment and survivorship care, help patients cope with chronic and life-limiting disease, provide strategies to increase treatment adherence, promote healthier lifestyle choices with the goal of increased quality of life and more appropriate use of health care resources. Identifies at risk patients with chronic mental health issues and/or mental health issues unrelated to cancer and other chronic or life limiting illnesses and link to Inova and community resources.

Able to use distress screening and/or other psychological assessment tools to meet Commission on Cancer and other chronic or life limiting illnesses Accreditation.

Ability to develop and deliver psycho-educational approaches in a group setting and use program evaluations to improve outcomes.

Skill in creating and implementing psycho-educational programming/series

Skill in developing talks and presentations to patients, colleagues and community, nationally and locally.

Ability to provide subject matter consultation to colleagues on multidisciplinary team

Ability to independently evaluate own practice through participation in professional peer review, research studies, or other organized means.

Participates/leads committees at department and system level.