

Position: Mobile Therapist

Corporate Office: Lancaster

County or Counties: Chester, Dauphin,
Lancaster, York, and Lebanon

Description:

The Mobile Therapist (MT) provides a child or adolescent and his or her family with intensive therapeutic services in the child's home, school, or elsewhere in the child's community. Psychotherapy sessions follow a written treatment plan, and they may include the Mobile Therapist and the child, family members, child's friends, school personnel, a community leader, physician, psychiatrist or a combination of these people. The Mobile Therapist can also meet with these people without the child, as long as "meeting the child's needs" is the purpose and focus of the meeting. Mobile Therapist provide the following services:

- **Deliver therapy according to a written treatment plan.** Collect data and information about the child's progress in treatment and consult with the Behavior Specialist Consultant to assure accurate and thorough understanding of the child's progress in treatment. Mobile Therapists participate in meetings, as necessary, to alter the treatment plan, based on an ongoing assessment of child's progress and needs.
- **Develop child's strengths and increase the therapeutic effectiveness of the family.** Good communication (active listening, asking questions and sharing information) is essential. All ethical responsibilities of a psychotherapist apply to Mobile Therapists.
- **Encourage child to actively take part in his or her treatment.** Allow the child to voice his or her opinions, goals and dreams. MT's should encourage family participation in child's treatment. Family members should take part in Interagency Service Planning Team (ISPT) Meetings, treatment plan development and reviews, and Individual Education Plan (IEP) development and monitoring for children receiving special education services in school.
- **Subject to confidentiality limitations, collaborate with other professionals involved in the child's everyday life.** Teachers can provide valuable information about the child, and can suggest additional school activities that may be beneficial to the child. If changes are necessary in the treatment plan, notify the Behavior Specialist and have a meeting to discuss the changes. MT's should sign appropriate forms to document attendance at meetings. MT's should create a crisis plan that can be followed by all members of the inter-agency team.
- As a Mobile Therapist, you agree to follow the treatment plan and to abide by the principles, policies and other guidelines published from time to time by **TW Ponessa & Associates**, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and the Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP).

Full and Part time positions available.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

- Master's Degree in Human Services field, including Psychology, Social Work, School Counseling

Work Experience: Prior experience working with children and families in the implementation of therapeutic skills acquisition and behavior change protocols. Experience with Autism preferred.

Clearances: *(Perspective employee must have the following clearances before servicing clients.)*

PA State Child Abuse Clearance (Upon hire, before working with clients, and every two years thereafter)

Pennsylvania State Criminal Background Check (Upon hire, before working with clients, and every two years thereafter)

FBI Clearance

Resumes: Send resume to: TW Ponessa & Associates Counseling Services, Inc., 2141 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601, Attn: Catherine DeGuire; fax to (717) 735-1901; email to amber.steckman@twponessa.com

Benefits: Medical, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Short term disability, Paid Time Off, and Paid Holidays