

Public Safety Mental Health Specialist

The City of Winchester and the Police Department invites you to come join our team! The City has an outstanding strategic plan that includes goals and objectives, a clear vision, and a culture of collaboration. We are recruiting for a Public Safety Mental Health Specialist to serve as the oversight of the public safety peer to peer teams and also a liaison with the Human Resource Department to assist with specific EAP needs of the public safety personnel. The Mental Health Specialist is a "Co-responder" with law enforcement on the scene for calls with the mental health population as a liaison to the local Community Services Board.

Example of Duties:

- Provide rapid crisis intervention and assessments to individuals who have come to the attention of police department staff;
- Provide face to face or telephonic follow-up meetings with persons served when clinically indicated;
- Accompany police officers on patrol as instructed;
- Work in collaboration with police to ensure that persons with behavioral health needs are appropriately diverted from the criminal justice system and referred for appropriate behavioral health services;
- Work in collaboration with the Community Service Board to divert unnecessary emergency department visits;
- Provide and/or coordinate, as needed, training to police personnel regarding mental illness, substance misuse, trauma spectrum disorders, and other behavioral health topics as defined;
- Compile and submit monthly statistics in accordance with Community Service Board and public safety departments;
- Establish and maintain regularly scheduled Community Police Collaborative meetings of all stakeholders and community providers;
- Coordinate Peer to Peer or incident debrief services after traumatic events or service calls by public safety.

Typical Qualifications:

Candidates interested in this role must have a Master's Degree in Psychology or Social Work that is license eligible, Clinical Licensure preferred. Previous outreach based clinical experience, preferably with psychiatric emergency services, minimum of one year experience in a crisis intervention setting or related field placement in crisis, experience and training in forensic mental health or criminal justice also preferred.

For more information and to apply for this position please visit the City of Winchester's website at www.winchesterva.gov.