MENTAL HEALTH FAMILY SERVICES COORDINATOR

Monthly Salary Range $3,842 - $5,429

THE POSITION

The Contra Costa County Health Services Department is recruiting qualified individuals to fill one (1) Mental Health Family Services Coordinator position. The position is assigned to the Adult Services Program in the Behavioral Health Division of the Health Services Department in Martinez, CA.

The incumbent will be responsible for assisting families of mentally ill individuals in navigating the public mental health system. Duties of the position will include: providing assistance with referrals for behavioral health/psychiatric services; acting as a liaison for families with mental health providers; providing education on mental illness; referring families to community resources; explaining laws related to individuals with mental illness; conducting family support groups; explaining social security benefits and assisting with the application process; and performing other related duties.

The eligible list established from this recruitment may remain in effect for six (6) months.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Possession of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a major in psychology, counseling, or a closely related field.

Experience: Two years of full-time experience or its equivalent providing advocacy services in a mental health program.

Substitution: An additional year of full-time or its equivalent experience may be substituted for the required academic major. Additional experience providing advocacy services in a mental health program may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Prior to employment, a background investigation/fingerprint exam will be conducted on all candidates.

All candidates are encouraged to review a detailed job description available at www.cccounty.us and apply only if they clearly meet the Minimum Qualifications as defined above.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Application Filing: Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line at www.cccounty.us/hr, or, a completed Contra Costa County application must be received or postmarked by 5 PM on the final filing date listed above. Faxed applications WILL NOT be accepted. Resumes may not be substituted for the official County application. An application may be obtained by visiting our office at 1320 Arnold Drive, Suite 261, Martinez, CA 94553 or the County application can be mailed to you by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address. Please see the list of additional locations on “HOW TO APPLY” on the reverse side of this announcement.

2. Application Evaluation: Depending on the number of applications received, an Application Evaluation Board may be convened to evaluate and select the best-qualified candidates for invitation to the next phase of the examination.

3. Oral Interview: An oral interview will be conducted by a Qualifications Appraisal Board in Martinez, CA. The Board will evaluate candidates in job-related areas. Candidates must receive a rating of at least 70 from a majority of the Board members to be ranked on the employment list. (Weighted 100%)

The Human Resources Department may change the examination steps noted above in accordance with the Personnel Management Regulations and accepted selection practices.
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BENEFITS & APPLICANT INFO

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa County’s 750 square miles are located ideally near the San Francisco Bay Area. It has a temperate climate, beautiful geographical setting and shares in California's continuing growth. Over 850,000 residents reside in the varied suburban, industrial, agricultural and port areas of the County and enjoy outdoor recreational facilities ranging from boating, water skiing, fishing in the Bay and Delta waterways, to golfing, hiking, horseback riding and camping in Mt. Diablo State Park. Cultural resources include numerous local theatre, art and music centers as well as vast cultural and recreational resources in Oakland, San Francisco and the East Bay. Colleges include Saint Mary’s, John F Kennedy University and three community colleges-Los Medanos (East County), Diablo Valley (Central County) and Contra Costa College (West County). The Berkeley Campus of the University of California is within an hour’s drive from the County Seat of Martinez.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

WHO MAY APPLY - Applicants must possess the minimum qualifications by the final filing date. This information is given on the front of the job announcement. United States citizenship is not required unless specifically listed under the minimum qualifications. Contra Costa County is committed to providing equal employment opportunity and no person applying for employment shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, national origin, gender, disability, age, or other unlawful discrimination. It is the policy of the County to provide reasonable accommodation, when needed, for otherwise qualified disabled employees and applicants for employment.

If you have a mental or physical condition that may be protected by law and require special accommodation in the application or testing process, please contact Human Resources.

California Relay Service (CRS) is available for Hearing and Speech Impaired users. To relay a message from a text telephone type (TTY) or Text Deaf and Disabled (TDD) call 1 (800) 735-2929

HOW TO APPLY - Apply on-line at www.cccounty.us/hr. If you do not have access to a personal computer, you can apply on-line at any of the 26 community libraries located throughout Contra Costa County. To access community library locations and hours of operation, please contact the Contra Costa County Library at 1-800-984-4636, or the Richmond Public Library at 510-620-6557. With a library card, you may also reserve a computer in advance by phoning the Contra Costa County Library or visiting the website http://www.cccounty.us/hr. You may also apply on-line and receive a full range of services to help you find a job at any of the EASTBAY Works One-Stop Career Centers. Visit their website at http://www.ehsd.org/work/work010.html

Paper application forms may be obtained from the Human Resources Department, or by calling (925) 335-1700. Completed applications must be mailed to the Martinez office and must be postmarked no later than the filing date. Resumes are encouraged but may not be substituted for the official application form. It is the applicant’s responsibility to meet final filing deadlines and late applications will be disqualified on that basis. All job announcements note the final filing date in the upper left hand corner. For applications and filing information call: (925) 335-1700.

VETERANS’ PREFERENCE CREDITS - Veterans who have received an honorable discharge and disabled veterans may be allowed an additional 5% of their total earned score in an open examination (provided the exam is otherwise successfully completed). To obtain this credit, veterans MUST provide a DD214, which indicates honorable discharge, and if applicable, proof of disability. WITH EACH APPLICATION BEFORE THE FINAL FILING DATE.

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SALARY - The starting salary is the first rate shown on the announcement. Advancement to the higher steps of the salary level is in accordance with Salary Resolutions of the Board of Supervisors.

WORKING CONDITIONS - Five days, 40 hours per week are the basic hours of employment. Time and one-half is paid for overtime for eligible employees and certain job classifications receive a 5% differential per hour for shift work.

EARNED TIME OFF - Holidays: An average of 13 holidays per year. Vacation: depending upon overall scores in this examination. The candidates must be successful in each part of the examination. To fill each vacancy, the hiring department will request that names be certified from the employment list and will make a selection from this list. Employment lists remain in effect for two years except as otherwise determined by the Director of Human Resources. A pre-employment health examination may be required prior to employment. In compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, individuals offered employment by Contra Costa County will be required to show documentation as proof of eligibility to work in the United States as a condition of employment.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

INSURANCE – Eligible employees may select health and/or dental plans which include Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) options for employees and dependents. A term life insurance policy is included with any health and/or dental plan enrollment.

RETIREMENT AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION – The County retirement program includes the benefits under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 and Social Security. A deferred compensation plan is available at the employee’s option.

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS – The Employee Wellness Program is a countywide health promotion program designed to support and promote the health and well being of County employees. Programs include: quarterly Wellness Program newsletters, health screenings and assessments such as blood pressure and body composition analysis, health fairs, voluntary quarterly blood drives, fitness and wellness challenges, and special classes and seminars on a variety of health topics.

CREDIT UNION – Offers systematic savings and loans at low interest.

DRUG/SMOKE FREE WORKPLACE – Contra Costa County is a smoke-free workplace. It is also an objective of Contra Costa County to achieve a drug-free County workplace. Any applicant for County employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the laws of the State, the rules governing County employment and the special trust placed in its employees.