

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SPECIALIST

DEFINITION

To assist persons who have developmental disabilities to obtain community and other services to make their lives as normal and productive as possible; and to perform related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direction from designated management staff.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

Determines whether client is eligible for entry into the program by evaluating client's age, income and family and other factors identified in policies.

Reviews client's service needs and service providers' programs.

Assess client's life needs and develops a comprehensive service plan with long-term goals, short-term objectives and measurable outcomes.

Chairs meetings of other professionals in developing individual habilitation and similar plans.

Monitors client's progress in achieving service objectives.

Advocates for and assists in developing new services; provides information and referral services to clients.

Provides consultation to client and family, referrals to services and coordination of the delivery of services, and conducts problem-solving sessions.

Monitors services to clients provided by an array of service providers, including subcontract agencies.

Available 24 hours a day for crisis intervention.

Develops, licenses and monitors the Developmental Disabilities specialized adult foster home service, and coordinates placements of all Lane County specialized adult homes.

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EXAMPLES OF DUTIES (con't)

Authorizes foster home service payments based on assessed needs; authorizes medical services and psychiatric evaluations.

Provides protective services to include documentation, investigation, protective placement and law enforcement/court liaison.

Maintains detailed, up-to-date and accurate records of all client evaluations, habilitation plans, progress notes and other necessary information.

Coordinates the early intervention service program.

Coordinates the screening and intake into the system from sources other than the transition out of school program.

Coordinates the transition of eligible persons from school programs.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles of growth and human development; needs and characteristics of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Different types of developmental disabilities; mental, psychological and medical implications of disabilities and the limitations they create.

Developmental disabilities support/training methodologies.

Principles and techniques of counseling; family dynamics.

Psychological and psychiatric assessments and their interpretation.

Federal, state and local laws, administrative rules, regulations and eligibility guidelines for various developmental disability support programs.

Principles and techniques of interviewing.

Local social service agencies and community resources.

Social service theory, practices and procedures.

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Ability to:

Identify problems, decide on appropriate action and facilitate indicated service for people with mental retardation and/or other developmental disabilities.

Utilize community resources to assist clients in attaining basic social, health care, household management and material needs.

Consult on developmental disabilities support/training methodologies.

Relate to diverse populations of people with mental and physical handicaps.

Prepare and maintain records, statistical data and reports.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Experience and Training

Training:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Experience:

One year of experience of working with persons with developmental disabilities.

An equivalent combination of experience and training that will demonstrate the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.