



Please join our Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction professional team! We are a passionate group that is focused on assisting our Mercer County community with prevention and harm reduction. The Mercer Council team are all trained and/or certified in evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs. Our team members come from diverse career backgrounds as teachers, social workers, case managers, public health educators, certified prevention specialists, National Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists, and/or licensed mental health professionals. Our core values include integrity, teamwork, empathy, accountability, relevance and commitment to those we serve and one another.

Position Title: ASYSST Mental Health Counselor/Therapist

History of the Position: Available School Youth Services Support Team (ASYSST) has been working with the Ewing Public High School since 2007. The ASYSST team and therapist helps guide Ewing High School youth/students using prevention and positive directions towards accomplishing their personal and academic goals. The ASYSST team works together to provide support services to help students graduate high school, prepare for college or a job and make healthy choices that will benefit them in life.

Salary Range: \$50,000.00 (based on experience level)

Other Perks: This is a full time position with the agency and will provide competitive benefits. Great position for an entry level professional to gain experience in the field. Free clinical supervision for new LAC and/or clinical consultation if requested by an appropriate terminally licensed therapist. Stipend for CEU to maintain licensure. Access to training and/or support to get scholarships due to the nonprofit status for trainings.

Core Responsibilities:

- Provide counseling to individual young people and their families.
- Facilitate group counseling sessions as determined based on perceived or expressed need.
- Coordinate/consult/collaborate with Ewing High School staff/administration to enhance ASYSST programs and service delivery.
- Work collaboratively with the other ASYSST team members to best serve the needs of the students.
- Provide follow-up services and appropriate referrals as needed; i.e. assist in arranging for aftercare in the Mercer County area.
- Follow all legal and ethical requirements for: documentation of sessions/contact,

protecting confidentiality, and mandated reporting.

- Maintain clinical records in a timely manner and other necessary clinical documentation.
- Input proper documentation into SBYSP program database.
- Publicize/market ASYSST programs to students and families and engage and sustain youth/families in available programs.

Essential Qualifications:

- NJ License: Current valid, unrestricted independent professional licensure to practice per state regulations in one or more is required: LAC, LPC, LMFT, LCSW, LISW, LCMHC, LCPC, LMHC or Clinical Psychologist.
- Minimum of a Master's degree in a counseling or mental health profession is required.
- Must have your own liability insurance.
- Experience with creating and providing psychoeducational content for the public using evidenced based research/practices.
- Confidence with using social media, blogging, Microsoft Software, Youtube, Google Workspace.
- Must pass background and fingerprint check.
- CPS is expected as part of your professional development in the first 2-3 years of being employed.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bilingual candidates will be preferred (Spanish).
- Experience working with adolescents populations preferred.
- Experience working with Substance Use Disorders and/or a valid, unrestricted NJ LCADC and/or CPS/SAC along with the essential license described above will be preferred.
- Bicultural and all gender candidates are encouraged to apply.
- Experience with crisis intervention will be preferred.
- Knowledge of Mercer County resources and providers is desirable.

Application Process:

For more details or to submit a resume and short cover letter, please send an email with attachments to our Executive Director, Margarita Leahy (mleahy@mercercouncil.org).