

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3152

TITLE: CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST (HEALTH & JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT)

GRADE: S-27

DEFINITION:

Under direction, to perform professional and technical work in the administration and evaluation of a wide variety of psychological tests, including projective techniques, in a clinical setting for mentally retarded children or at a location as designated by the Court for juveniles and adults; and to do related work as required.

TYPICAL TASKS:

Administers, scores, and interprets a variety of objective psychological tests (intelligence, achievements, interests, and personalities) and projective techniques for diagnostic purposes in a consultation and evaluation clinic for mentally retarded children;

Mentally and manually records patients' behavior from observation;

Prepares written reports of test results which includes psychological interpretations, diagnoses, and recommendations for review by the pediatrician or clinic director;

Attends staff conferences to provide and interpret psychological test data for use in the diagnosis of the patients' problems, care, and treatment;

May serve as a member of a psychiatric team in the evaluation and treatment of mental illnesses, emotional and behavioral disorders;

May perform under direct medical supervision individual and group therapy;

Counsels the patients' families in the areas of acceptance, the current and anticipated development of the patients, and future planning of the family units;

Informs the pediatrician of unusual problems presented during test administration;

May assist in health center in-service training programs and clinic public relations programs through lectures, demonstrations, or other devices of instruction or communication;

May supervise subordinate personnel;

Or, as designated by the Court: administers, scores and interprets a variety of objective psychological tests (intelligence, achievements, interests, reading, and personalities) and projective techniques for diagnostic purposes in an appropriate setting for juveniles and adults;

Analyzes the results of tests, interviews, and obtains social histories of the individual;

Submits psychological evaluations to the Court and makes recommendations regarding the individual's counseling program;

Consults with staff members on selected cases and assists the Court in the staffing of particular cases;

Counsels parents of juveniles to effect changes in the environment of the juvenile and counsels juveniles in order to improve their adjustment or to correct specific defects;

Assists in the evaluation of potential employees upon request;

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Participates in staff conferences and conducts training programs into the psychological aspects of juvenile delinquency;

Consults with staff members in regard to establishing and conducting group counseling;

May appear in Court to testify as requested.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of the methods, principles and practices of conducting and evaluating psychological tests and measurements;

Knowledge of projective techniques and psychotherapy;

Knowledge of the applicability of these tests and measurements to the clinical diagnosis of the problems of mentally retarded children or of juveniles and adults;

Knowledge of the sources of information and current literature and research in the field of psychology;

Knowledge of the fundamental types and problems of mental illness and abnormal behavior;

Ability to plan, organize, and conduct a psychological testing program for mentally retarded children or for juveniles and adults;

Ability to make recommendations based on the tests and interpretations;

Ability to establish rapport with mentally retarded children and their families or with juveniles and adults and their families;

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other professional staff members and the general public.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Possession of a Master's degree in Psychology and two years of progressively responsible experience in clinical or court psychology.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Contingent upon area of assignment, some positions within this class will require a National Provider Identifier.

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