

Office of Diversity and Equity
College to County Mentorship Program
MHASD Forensic Diversion Position Description – System Navigator

Classification: College Intern

Salary: \$22.88 hourly

Division:

Mental Health Court and Forensic Diversion is a part of the Diversion Courts Program in the Multnomah County's Community Mental Health Program.

The function of the Diversion Court Program is to identify individuals with mental illness in the criminal justice system; to provide linkage to services in the community; identify clients that may be eligible for pre-sentencing release or linkage upon release from incarceration. Serve adults in the community justice system that have been identified as ordered to treatment via restoration under 161.365 or 161.370 of the Oregon criminal code; provide, when appropriate, community restoration for those courts ordered a 161.370; track and provide linkage services to individual's court ordered a 161.370 and transported to the Oregon State Hospital.

Mental Health Court (MHC) works with individuals that have a mental illness those are on probation/parole. Participants in MHC are monitored and provided support in the community to promote successful completion of their probation and court directives. Participants are provided support to maintain their independence and stability in the community.

The purpose of this position is to screen individuals with mental illness in the criminal justice system for mental health, chemical dependency and social service needs. The position will provide engagement, transition, support and community linkage services for defendants selecting to participate in the Forensic Diversion Program or Mental Health Court.

Project Duration: 20-40hrs/wks for 3 months

Project Description:

- Provide and directly facilitate referrals for mental health, chemical dependency and social service needs.
- Maintain community and telephone contact with client's MH/CD treatment providers on regular basis regarding compliance.
- Provide engagement, transition and community support for clients.
- Provide interim crisis support to clients in need.
- Provide status check reports to the court regarding compliance with social service and treatment recommendations.
- Meet with clients according to their court level and/ or as needed to engage and promote compliance with court orders or treatment recommendations.
- Providing consultative services to facilitate discharge planning or resolution of charges

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- Serve as a legal and community resource for the medical/psychiatric system
- Maintain documentation/ complete all reports and forms necessary re: referrals, assessments.
- Provide 1:1 support to assist clients in complying with community treatment recommendations; provide communication with community partners.
- Presence at, and participation in team meetings, community staffing and client meetings with community supports.
- Attend client staffing with community partners, court and co-workers as needed.
- Participate in court staffings 2 - 4 times a month.
- Serve as a liaison between the court and behavioral health system, as needed.
 - Attend required meetings, trainings and other activities to support job function.

Knowledge Skills and Abilities required:

- 1) Back ground check
- 2) Basic knowledge of 161.365 and 161.370 process
- 3) Working knowledge and understanding of community criminal justice system
- 4) Working skills in case management, community resources
- 5) Must be able to pass background check to obtain access to local detention centers

Special Requirements:

- Must pass background check

Veterans' Preference: Under Oregon Law, qualifying veterans may apply for veterans' preference for this recruitment. Review our [veterans' preference website](#) for details about eligibility and how to apply.

For veterans qualified for Veterans' Preference: If you believe you have skills that would transfer well to this position and/or special qualifications that relate to this position, please list those skills and/or qualifications in the box below. Clearly explain how those skills and/or qualifications apply.

Application Instructions:

Please fill out and submit an application for this position through the form link provided by your program coordinator. The deadline for submitting online application is March 31, 2017.