

**PROGRAM SERVICES
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE CLINICAL SERVICES
CLINICAL SERVICES BRANCH**

DUTY STATEMENT

EMPLOYEE: VACANT

JOB TITLE: Senior Psychologist (Health Facility) (Specialist) **POSITION #:**472-565-9839-001

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Senior Psychologist works along the Senior Psychologist Supervisor to provide clinical leadership for the Clinical Services Branch, which is a multidisciplinary professional team within the Office of Statewide Clinical Services (OSCS). The Senior Psychologist provides a clinical perspective for community-based services and specialists to influence and guide state services and supports, including working with regional centers (RC) and state operated facilities on best practices and providing technical assistance, clinical expertise and consultation. This position serves as a department-wide expert and psychology consultant for services supporting individuals with developmental disabilities.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Reports to the Senior Psychologist Supervisor

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Essential Job Functions:

- 50% Provides technical assistance and consultation to members of the Clinical Services Branch and to staff within (OSCS). Provides, consultation or technical assistance to entities outside OSCS including external stakeholders Regional Centers, community providers, and department employees including clinical personnel in state operated facilities regarding program planning and evaluation and the development of direct and indirect services. Provide assistance to advance Department goals at the request of the Department Director, Deputy Director, and Senior Psychologist Supervisor.
- 30% Interprets DDS objectives and procedures related to regulations, particularly California Codes of Regulation Title 17 (Public Health) and 22 (Social Security) to other health facility personnel, members of the public, and other agencies and organizations. Develops and maintains working relationships with RCs, community service providers and clinicians to develop supportive resources and best practices.
- 15% Disseminates clinical information via regularly scheduled trainings, posts, and newsletters. Participates in training programs for state operated facility staff including psychiatric technicians and other clinical staff. Conducts or facilitates in-service training for the Department of Developmental Services, the Department of Social Services' Community Care Licensing Division, RCs and service provider staff. Provides consultation, technical assistance and training to RCs and providers in the areas of ethics and behavior management and in techniques for increasing adaptive skills, as necessary or as requested.

5% Maintains familiarity with current trends in professional development and relevant to programs and services for individuals with a developmental disability.

WORKING CONDITIONS: The Department offers the option for this position to work remotely via a telework agreement or to work at the headquarter office in Sacramento. Participation in telework is subject to DDS' guidelines. Manage tight timelines and multiple priorities. Sitting for extended periods of time while using a personal computer or reviewing documents and working papers. Intermittent daily and statewide travel.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of: Principles, techniques, and trends in psychology with particular reference to social aspects of mental and developmental disabilities; program evaluation; institutional and social process; group dynamics; functions of psychologists in various mental health services; current trends in the field of mental health; professional training; and community organization and allied professional services. Ways in which individuals are assessed and identified for Early Start and Lanterman services. Culturally competent provision of service to a diverse population of persons served. Awareness of clinical issues facing individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders across the lifespan.

Ability to: Provide clinical leadership to a multidisciplinary team and professional consultation. Teach and participate in professional training. Work independently but in close cooperation with team members. Demonstrate critical thinking skills and clinical problem-solving capability. Recognize situations requiring the creative application of technical skills; develop and evaluate creative approaches to the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of mental and developmental disabilities, and to the development and direction of a psychology program. Plan, organize, and conduct research, data analysis and program evaluation. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action and communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.

CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE: Possession of a valid professional license as a Psychologist issued by the California Board of Psychology and possession of an earned Doctorate Degree in Psychology (PhD or PsyD) from an educational institution meeting the criteria of Section 2914 of the Medical Board of California's Business and Professions Code.