

Circuit Court for Baltimore City Addictions Counselor

The Circuit Court for Baltimore City is seeking a dynamic individual for the position of Addiction Counselor I to conduct substance use assessments on clients in Pretrial Services

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE POSITION:

- To perform assessments of clients suspected of having a substance abuse disorder(s); to refer them when necessary, to the proper treatment facility, to monitor the clients' treatment attendance and progress through both written documentation and oral contacts; to write summary reports which include recommendations on each client and submit these to the judges to be used for sentencing purposes.
- Provides counseling and case management services to clients with substance use disorders with the least complex problems as defined by standards treatment criteria.
- Screens clients with substance use disorders to determine the most appropriate initial course of action with regards to substance treatment.
- Assesses clients with substance use disorders to gather and interpret information necessary for planning treatment and evaluating client progress.

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of the established diagnostic criteria for substance use disorders, treatment modalities and placement criteria within the continuum of care.
- Knowledge of models and theories of addiction and other problem related to substance use.
- Knowledge of the social and cultural context within which addiction and substance abuse exist.
- Knowledge of ethical and behavioral standards of conduct in helping relationship; Knowledge of principles of learning and a variety of educational techniques.
- Knowledge of helping strategies for reducing the negative effects of substance use, abuse and dependence.
- Knowledge of support systems and community resources available to clients, their families and their significant others.
- Knowledge of federal, State, local and agency policies and procedures governing the delivery of treatment services.
- Ability to establish and maintain working relationship with other professionals and agencies.
- Ability to establish and maintain a therapeutic relationship with clients with substance use disorders and their families and significant others.
- Ability to make constructive therapeutic responses when the client's behavior is inconsistent with stated recovery goals.
- Ability to accurately document client information.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum Education or General Requirements

This position requires a minimum of an associate degree from an accredited college or university.

The counselor will have an alcohol and drug trainee letter or certification as an Alcohol and Drug (A/D) Supervised Counselor from the State of Maryland Department of Health Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.

COMPENSATION:

This is a full-time permanent position with benefits. The starting salary is \$36,396.

TO APPLY:

Please submit a cover letter and resume by close of business October 28, 2019 to:

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****No phone calls please****

A Criminal Background Check and Alcohol & Drug screening will be conducted as a condition of employment.

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