

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

- POSITION:** Mental Health Therapist (Associate or Independently Licensed)
- FILING DEADLINE:** Until the position is filled. Please submit a résumé and cover letter to hcarbone@christiesplace.org.
- HOURS:** This is a grant funded position - 32-hour per week position.

CHRISTIE'S PLACE WAS FOUNDED IN 1996 WITH A MISSION TO EMPOWER WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUALS WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY HIV/AIDS TO TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR HEALTH AND WELLNESS.

### **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:**

Under supervision of the Clinical Director, the Mental Health Therapist will perform a full range of mental health counseling services for women, children and families living with HIV. Primary responsibilities include:

- Conducting biopsychosocial assessments, formulating care plans, and mental health counseling for community members living with HIV.
- Engaging in client care conferences with team members and coordinating implementation of interdisciplinary plans.
- Providing individual, couples, and family therapy sessions and therapeutic group sessions with community members both in-person and via tele-therapy.
- Participating in other professional activities, to include community planning, developing or coordinating special projects, providing consultation, maintaining clinical files, assisting with CP events, and generating monthly program reports, when requested.

The above declarations and below requirements are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of the duties and responsibilities of the job described. Rather, they are intended only to describe the general nature of the job.

### **POSITION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Required:** Current independent or associate license granted by the Board of Behavioral Sciences as an MFT, CSW, or PC in the State of California. Knowledge of and demonstrated adherence to federal, state and local laws related to health and social welfare. Minimum of two years' experience working in mental health field, preferably, the HIV/AIDS or related field. A combination of education, experience, knowledge and abilities to successfully perform the duties assigned to the position. Knowledge of and demonstrated adherence to federal, state and local laws related to health and social welfare. Computer proficiency with Microsoft suite, email, and electronic documentation.

### **Bilingual in Spanish and English is required.**

**Preferred:** Demonstrated skill in mental health assessments and interventions with individuals and families impacted by chronic disease and loss. Knowledge of the physical, emotional, mental health, psychosocial and financial impact of HIV/AIDS on infected and affected individuals, couples and families. Demonstrated experience with mental health counseling interventions specific to the HIV population. Working knowledge of medical terminology particularly as it relates to HIV disease. Demonstrated experience in preparing and providing educational HIV presentations to consumers, professionals, and lay audiences. Experience in the provision of drug and alcohol counseling preferred.

Candidate must be comfortable and experienced in discussing sexual orientation, sexual behaviors, needle use, and other risk behaviors with individuals and small groups; will be familiar with the characteristics of the target population, including knowledge of and access to places where staff is likely to encounter members of the target population in



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settings conducive to dialogue and intervention; and will maintain the established relationship with the target population in order to maintain our agency's established trust and credibility in the community.

Must be willing and able to travel to client homes, satellite locations, and community meetings. As this position requires driving duties, employees must possess a valid Driver's License with access to reliable personal transportation, as well as proof of current vehicle insurance in good standing. Employees must agree they will be included on a regular DMV Pull Notice system for routine review of driving records. Additionally, as a requirement of funding, employees must pass an initial background check and remain eligible to provide services according to contract requirements.

**Hour:** Non-exempt, 32 hours per week – must be available to work at least one evening.

**Compensation:** Competitive, dependent upon experience and education

**Benefits:** Vacation, sick leave, and paid holiday days

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