

**STATEMENT OF WORK
LICENSED THERAPISTS
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH REHABILITATION SERVICES**

SCOPE:

The Government of the District of Columbia, Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) on behalf of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS), Behavioral Health Services Administration, has a need for two licensed therapists to provide therapeutic services to youth awaiting transfer to other community-based or residential facilities at the Oak Hill Youth Center, 8400 Riverton Court, Laurel, Maryland 20724, 8:15am – 4:45pm Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) is the single District of Columbia agency responsible for the delivery of juvenile justice services, serving male and female youth up to the age of 21 that have been remanded to its custody by the DC Superior Court. The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services' mission is to improve public safety and give court-involved youth the opportunity to become more productive citizens by building on the strengths of the youth and their families/caregivers in the least restrictive, most homelike environments consistent with public safety. DYRS is responsible for the care and custody of youth committed to the Department following delinquency adjudication and youth detained pending adjudication, disposition or placement. DYRS provides a continuum of services to detained and committed youth ranging from in-home services, to group and residential care, to secure custody and aftercare.

REQUIREMENT:

The Contractor shall provide two full time mental health specialists with a license in the District of Columbia to practice in their appropriate field of study. These therapists will provide a range of clinical services specified below to youth currently residing at the Oak Hill Youth Center, Laurel, Maryland.

Under the administrative supervision and clinical oversight of the Behavioral Health Services Director, the mental health specialists shall perform the following:

1. Conduct initial intake interviews;
2. Provide assessments for suicidal or homicidal tendencies,
3. Provide crisis intervention stabilization counseling to clients and their families/caregivers,
4. Provide individual and group counseling to clients,

5. Provide supportive counseling (group and individual) to assist clients with anger management, decision making, life skills, goal setting,
6. Assist in the development of a plan of care for the youth both while at Oak Hill Youth Center (OHYC) and anticipated in further placements,
7. Assist in the development of behavior management plans for clients experiencing recurrent behavioral issues while at OHYC,
8. Provide IEP related counseling services for those clients identified as needing such,
9. Participate in meetings related to the care and services for the client including Youth Family Team Meetings, Treatment Team meetings, IEP meetings, etc.,
10. Complete all required documentation on a timely basis including admissions interviews, progress notes, referrals, suicide watch documentation, and discharge summaries.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:

The Contractor shall select and provide two therapists with minimum education of a master's degree in a mental health related field such as social work, psychology, counseling, marriage and family therapy or art therapy (other fields will be considered on a case-by- case basis). The therapist(s) should possess a District of Columbia license based on their field of study (individuals licensed in other states will be considered on a case-by case basis).

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES REQUIRED FOR JOB:

The Contractor's therapist shall possess the following personal attributes:

1. A minimum of one year experience working with adolescents. Experience working with emotionally and/or behaviorally disordered youth preferred.
2. Knowledge of the concepts, principles, and techniques of the psychological, social, and rehabilitative aspects of treating adolescents.
3. Practical knowledge of and skill in providing a range of individual and group therapeutic techniques and treatment intervention to institutionalized youth.
4. Able to develop effective and positive relationships with youth, families, community providers and co-workers throughout the facility.
5. Skill in working collaboratively as a part of a team of professionals and nonprofessionals to develop and implement an effective plan of care.
6. Oral and written communication that is effective, clear, and coherent.
7. Ability to work independently while also seeking supervision appropriately.
8. Able to work in a secure facility with awareness that institutional rules and regulations inform access and treatment objectives.
9. Ability to work some evening and week end hours preferred.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:

The period of performance is from date of award to one year thereafter.

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:

Place of performance is the Oak Hill Youth Center, 8300 Riverton Court, Laurel, Maryland, 8:15am – 4:45pm Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.