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Employment Opportunity

Social Worker LMSW (RCCW-03)

Job Description:

Olmsted Center for Sight (OCS) is seeking a full time Social Worker (LMSW) for our Rehabilitation Department. This position is primarily responsible for providing the necessary resources, tools and coping mechanisms to assist individuals who are visually impaired/blind achieve their highest level of independence and quality of life.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Maximize the safety, functionality and independence of clients who are visually impaired/blind
- Provision of individualized assessment and interaction to individuals who are visually impaired/blind in their homes, community and/or center based settings in accordance to New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) guidelines and internal operating procedures.
- Provision of short term psychotherapy in accordance with NYSCB contractual guidelines
- Facilitate adaptive adjustment to blindness through short term behavioral therapy, adjustment counseling, community resource linkages and assisting clients in obtaining and maintaining benefits in accordance to NYSCB contractual guidelines
- Conduct assessments to determine goals and needs from a vision perspective
- Listen and understand the needs of the client
- Complete and submit applications for benefits and social services as needed
- Maintain a thorough knowledge of community resources
- Provision of 1:1, family and group counseling as needed and in accordance with NYSCB and OCS contractual guidelines
- Refer for continued care when appropriate
- Provide continuous and regular visits to meet identified goals and achieve successful outcomes
- Accurately report progress, behavior and barriers to client's goal achievement and maintain documentation according to OCS operating procedures
- Communicate and meet regularly with clients, teachers, parents, OCS and NYSCB staff to ensure successful outcomes
- Attend/participate/contribute to scheduled NYSCB and departmental meetings

- Provide support within the department as needed in order to achieve department/agency goals
- Travel among eight counties of WNY

Competencies and Qualifications:

- Ability to work collaboratively toward achieving client, department and agency goals
- Manage a caseload of 40+ on an ongoing basis
- Energetic, flexible, patient, organized and detail-oriented
- Ability to think independently, problem solve and execute on assigned tasks
- Caring and counseling skills with an ability to balance agency policy with the individual perceptions and sensitivity of clients
- Ability to demonstrate sensitivity to and appreciation for diverse viewpoints and different communication styles
- Must display excellent external and internal customer service
- Must be comfortable working with a diverse population
- Proficient in computer knowledge/applications including MS Office and Excel
- New York State Driver's License and reliable transportation

Education and Experience:

- Licensed Master of Social Work (LMSW) required
- Clinical experience preferred
- Experience working with the visually-impaired/disabled population preferred but not required

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