

Fact Sheet

Paraprofessional Jobs working with people with mental health issues

Sample Job Titles:

Mental Health Assistant
Home Health Aide
Psychiatric Technicians

Rural Human Services Worker
Psychiatric Aides

General Description:

With supervision, provide mental health consumers (adults and children) a variety of direct care and support services. Assisting mentally impaired/emotionally-disturbed patients in a variety of settings including a person's home, out-patient clinics, and in-patient facilities.

Responsibilities (may include):

Supports, instructs, and assists persons in daily living activities (eating and meal planning, dressing, bathing/hygiene, household cleaning, etc).

Collaborate with other mental health professionals and paraprofessionals in order to treat, rehabilitate, and return consumers to the community.

Observe and influence consumers' behavior, communicating and interacting with them and teaching, counseling, and befriending them.

Assists medication (self-administered only) and prescribed treatments.

Completes required written reports (including case notes, medical documentation, etc).

Works independently and as part of a team.

Demonstrates good judgment in decision-making and problem-solving.

Deals effectively with aggressive behaviors.

Intervenes in crisis situations.

Qualifications (may include):

High School Diploma/GED

An associate degree in Human Services

Ability to obtain Class I FBI Fingerprint and Background Clearance Card

Ability to obtain CPR and first aid certifications