

## **Fact Sheet**

### **Jobs working in substance abuse treatment**

#### Sample Job Titles:

Substance Abuse Counselor Aide

Substance Abuse Counselor Technician

Substance Abuse Counselor

Substance Abuse Treatment Social Worker

#### General Description:

With limited supervision, assess, counsel, advise, and treat individuals with alcohol and substance abuse problems. Activities may include counseling individuals, families, and groups engaged in prevention programs.

#### Responsibilities (may include):

Counsel clients in therapy sessions to assist them in dealing with substance abuse, mental or physical illness, and other life issues.

Counsel patients/clients to assist in overcoming dependencies, adjusting to life, and making changes.

Complete and maintain accurate records and reports regarding the patients' histories and progress, services provided, and other required information.

Participate in case conferences and staff meetings.

Provide clients or family members with information about addiction issues and available services and programs, making appropriate referrals when necessary.

Plan and implement follow-up and aftercare programs for clients after treatment.

Works independently and as part of a team.

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

Intervenes in crisis situations.

#### Qualifications (may include):

High School Diploma/GED, but usually requires a Bachelor's Degree or higher

Certification from an accredited training program

Ability to obtain Class I FBI Fingerprint and Background Clearance Card

Ability to obtain CPR and first aid certifications

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