JOB DESCRIPTION -
ACCAC Children’s Mental Health Therapist

Annual Salary: $50,000-Full Time
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POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The ACCAC’s Mental Health Therapist provides on-site therapeutic services to children, adolescents and their non-offending family members who have been direct or indirect victims of physical and/or sexual abuse, neglect, and/or who have witnessed family violence. Therapy will be provided for a period of one to six months after intake at the ACCAC.

TYPICAL DUTIES:

• Facilitates individual therapy sessions for victims ages 2 through 18.
• Administers and interprets trauma assessment instruments for child and adolescent victims.
• Develops treatment plan for victims which may include:
  a. up to twenty four weeks of weekly counseling sessions for victims, and their siblings.
  b. Trauma focused therapeutic groups for children and adolescents.
  c. Play therapy for children ages 3 to 12, as appropriate.
  d. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for parents and children, when appropriate.
  e. Family therapy sessions.
• Participates in regular multidisciplinary team meetings at ACCAC.
• Makes appropriate referrals for victims and families psychological and psychosocial needs prior to the termination of treatment.
• Maintains service records and statistics.
• Participates in clinical supervision at least monthly with Senior Full-Time Therapist.
• Consult with Licensed Psychologist or Psychiatrist when necessary and appropriate.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

• Considerable knowledge of the techniques and principles of child and family development, family systems theory, crisis therapy intervention, individual, family, group and play therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, and trauma response, child abuse and family violence, and trauma focused interventions.
• Considerable knowledge of community resources throughout Adams County.
• Strong communication, and counseling skills.
• Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the ACCAC and MDT.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

• Completion of Masters degree course work and internships in clinical program, with continuing education in play therapy and trauma reaction.
• Licensed in discipline by appropriate state board.
• Three years experience in providing therapy to children and/or adolescents.
• Coordination of clinical services.