

Community Youth Services -- Pierce County is recruiting for on-call Associate Counselors for the New Directions Crisis Residential Center. Regular part-time and full-time positions are filled from the on-call Associate Counselors staff. This position is not eligible for agency benefits.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION:

1. Resume and cover letter
2. CYS Employment Application <http://www.communityyouthservices.org/employment.shtml>

There are two versions on our website – a fillable Word version and a printable pdf version. You can submit either one.

Email required documents listed above to chuck.taylor@communityyouthservices.org and reference 'New Directions Associate Counselor' in the email subject line.

You will need to submit a Washington State driver's abstract before an interview will be scheduled.

Hourly rate \$13.02

New Directions serves at-risk and homeless youth ages 12–17 in a short-term residential setting. This position fills in shifts for Residential Counselors as needed and/or serves as additional staffing if necessary to provide adequate supervision to residents. Provides safe and nurturing milieu for these youth, ensures basic living needs are met, provides guidance, counseling, and support to help program participants maintain appropriate and safe behavior, objectively documents behavioral observations, and works to aid in the avoidance of further out-of-home placement.

About the Agency:

Community Youth Services is the largest child welfare agency serving southwest Washington, with a growing presence in Pierce County. We employ over 140 staff and support 120 volunteers. CYS provides a staff driven culture where we view our staff as our greatest asset in providing quality services, which shows in our 95% staff retention rate.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Minimum of 21 years of age,
2. Education and direct experience working with at-risk youth must equal a minimum of two years. If education is used to meet this requirement, degree/courses must be in a social science or related field. A transcript may be requested to determine if courses taken qualify.
3. Valid TB test results within the previous 12 months prior to hire or the ability to obtain a negative TB test within 30 days of employment, and
4. Current Food Handlers' Permit.

AGENCY QUALIFICATIONS:

1. The ability to pass an extensive background check with no history of conviction or perpetration of child abuse or physical harm to another person,
2. A valid Washington State Driver License with a three-year good driving record. The ability to pass and maintain a clean driving records check,
3. Proof of personal auto insurance levels at or above a \$100,000 combined single limit

must be provided once offer of employment is accepted,

4. A sensitivity and responsiveness to the cultural differences in the organization's employment and service population,
5. Must possess, or obtain within 30 days of employment CPR/1st Aid/Bloodborne Pathogen certifications, and
6. Strong interpersonal skills, including the ability to work as part of a team. (EOE).

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATED TASKS

A. Participant Service:

1. Maintains a healthy living environment for youth in residence to minimize crisis behavior,
2. Plans and prepares meals to meet basic nutritional needs of youth,
3. Coordinates youth activities on a daily basis to positively structure day(s) and evening(s) for residents,
4. Utilizes behavior modification techniques to facilitate positive behavioral progress in residents and role models appropriate interaction,
5. Objectively documents significant interactions and behavioral observations in client case notes and works with program participants to develop individualized treatment plans,
6. Provides individual and group counseling to residents to facilitate personal growth and to minimize crisis situations,
7. Maintains the program structure to provide residents with clear and consistent expectations,
8. Informs Program Director of significant activities as related to residents and facility,
9. Completes intake interview, including paperwork, with youth upon admittance to gather critical data,
10. Completes incident reports and notify appropriate parties when necessary, and
11. Act as a crisis liaison for the public by providing telephone counseling, assessment and networking with other community resources.

B. Case Management:

1. Assists with the creation of a support system for youth in placement,
2. Completes required paperwork in order to provide accurate information to relevant sources,
3. Develops an individualized treatment plan with the client upon entering residence in order to have a measurable, goal-orientated plan,
4. Assists case manager in behavior assessments, and
5. Maintains resident case records and required paperwork to meet licensing standards and to effectively communicate accurate and current information.