



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position: **Caseworker**
Program: Reentry
Reports to: Program Director

Status: Non-exempt
Date Prepared: 10/2016

POSITION SUMMARY:

This position is responsible for the development of a case management plan to assist Reentry participants in developing a greater degree of self-reliance. It will include accessing continuing education, employment, and addressing any bio, psycho, social issues that may lead to homelessness, criminal behavior, or otherwise non-productive lifestyles.

OBJECTIVES/ACTIVITIES:

- A. Responsible for performing daily work requirements to achieve established objectives of the department.
 1. Provide records and services in compliance with Volunteers of America policies, and funding source requirements.
 2. Maintain positive relationships with program residents, Volunteers of America staff and all community service agencies.
 3. Maintain case management files on each participant which will include personal information, educational and job skills, short and long term plans to become self-sufficient in all areas of his/her life and documentation of participants progress and assistance in removing obstacles to set goals.
 4. Provide the evaluations of individual clients medical, physical, emotional, and psychological needs, coordinate employment and vocational training, placement and retention, co-ordinate housing search, co-ordinate recovery options and documentation of follow-up and placements. Assist in securing disability entitlement as needed and provide assistance in securing all viable income sources.
 5. Facilitate client oriented classes as required by CDCR.
 6. Provide crisis management as needed.
 7. Provide resource information and appropriate case planning specific to all participants.
 8. Participate in Volunteers of America and outside training sessions.
 9. Perform work related duties as assigned by the Program Director.

- B. Responsible for assistance with client development.
 1. Assure orientation of new residents upon arrival. Complete the intake of individual program plans and maintain client files.
 2. Provide individual assistance and counseling relative to a search for gainful employment job training, academic and vocational opportunities, money management skills, reestablishment of family ties, conformance to house rules, substance abuse and community adjustment.
 3. Monitor residents progress and make appropriate recommendations to Monitor and Parole Agent.
 4. Liaison between residents and community service agencies to meet client needs and goals.
 5. Maintain a list of all available community services and providers.
 6. Assure a safe, non-judgmental environment for all residents.
 7. Maintain positive, professional, relationships with clients and staff.
 8. Participate in agency and outside training sessions.

- C. Record keeping and communication.
 - 1. Maintain files on each participant, which will include psychosocial information, short and long term plans to maintain and improve self-sufficiency. Document progress and assistance in removing obstacles to set goals. Provide routine documentation of coordination and follow-up of all areas.
 - 2. Provide records and services in compliance with agency policies, regulatory and funding source requirements.
 - 3. Maintain daily, clear and thorough communication with the Caseworker supervisor and Program Director on all areas of responsibility listed in this job description.

- D. Responsible for all areas of daily program maintenance in compliance with company policies.
 - 1. Document and report all client concerns and/or infractions that can affect the program security.
 - 2. Secure approval for exceptions to standard policy.
 - 3. Notify management of potential workflow problems and resource needs necessary to attain performance standards.
 - 4. Adhere to staffing schedules in order to provide adequate/safe staffing coverage and to accomplish program objectives.
 - 5. Provide emergency shift coverage as needed.
 - 6. Participate in staff meetings, resident house meetings and training sessions, actively participating in monthly case conferences of all residents.

- E. Responsible for training and development of new staff.
 - 1. Assist in department orientation and training for new employees as requested to assure quality work outcomes.
 - 2. Identify appropriate ongoing training for both new and existing staff and report needs to management.
 - 3. Serve as part of the program development team by providing information and support for the development of quality operations.
 - 4. Maintain an above average working knowledge of fire, safety, and health standards to assure safe work environment for residents and all personnel.

- F. Responsible for self-development.
 - 1. Continually learn and enhance technical and interpersonal skills.
 - 2. Attend staff meetings/assigned training seminars and complete required certifications, i.e. CPR, First Aid, etc.

EQUIVALENT EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

This position requires a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences or a related field. Two years of strong case management experience may substitute for degree. Prior Case Management experience is preferred. This position requires demonstrated ability in record keeping, good written and verbal communication skills, and knowledge of problems unique to the parolee population. This position requires CPR and First Aid training within ninety (90) days of employment date and recertification as necessary and T.B. testing annually. In addition, successful completion of California Department of Corrections background check is required. A valid California driver's license and a clean driving record are required to operate any Volunteers of America vehicle.

SPECIFIC SKILLS REQUIRED:

Excellent oral and written communication skills
Ability to assist and motivate other people
Organizational skills
Analytical and decision making ability
Statistical and mathematical skills
Computer Skills

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Lift and move up to 10 pounds
Stand, walk and sit frequently
Bend and stoop occasionally

NATURE OF SUPERVISION RECEIVED:

Daily activities are performed independently with guidance and direction from the Program Director. Must be able to work independently toward attainment of operational goals and contract compliance.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED:

Assigned volunteers

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BUSINESS CONTACTS:

This position requires daily contact with county/state/city and business entities, clients, and all levels of support staff. The Caseworker is responsible for promoting company image and providing advice on company practices and procedures, while establishing and maintaining good working relationships with all clients. Tact, discretion, and resourcefulness are required at all times.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Substantial financial loss through loss of business contracts is possible; thus, all expenditures must be approved by the Program Director.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:

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This Caseworker job description does not constitute a written or implied contract and may be changed as business needs arise.

Indicate anything that would keep you from meeting the job duties as outlined above.

Employee Signature _____ Date Signed: _____