

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH THERAPIST  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
FULL-TIME @ 35 HOURS /WEEK, SALARY STARTING @ \$32.79/HOUR PLUS BENEFITS**

The Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene and Social Services is accepting applications for the position of Behavioral Health Therapist. This position will provide individual, family and group therapy services to children, adolescents, and adults in an outpatient setting, working out of a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center or out of one of the Program's satellite locations at local schools and Pediatrician offices. Progressively complex client caseloads will be assigned involving utilization of interviewing techniques required to assess client needs, elicit information and establish any necessary referral sources. Provides treatment of clients with a variety of behavioral, mental health and substance use concerns, working within an interdisciplinary team. Does related work as required under the general supervision of a Clinic Director.

**Typical Work Activities:**

- Participates in the intake and screening of new clients, evaluating patient's physical and/or psychological concerns as related to need for therapy;
- Consults with staff and supervisor on techniques to manage presenting behavior issues;
- Conducts individual assessments and other individual interviews;
- Provides behavioral therapy/social work/counseling services to help clients adjust to their presenting problems, diagnoses, and related social drivers of health;
- Provides individual, group and family therapy services utilizing evidence-based therapy approaches;
- Compiles client charts, and case summaries with appropriate data from various sources such as professional staff and clients' families to establish an overall approach to the solution of the clients' behavioral health and social problems;
- Tracks and monitors client progress, collaborating with clients to develop treatment goals and plan, regularly reviewing and updating as needed;
- Documents all assessments, treatment sessions, contact, crisis interventions and other work done on behalf of clients, according to guidelines of NYS Office of Mental Health and NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports;
- Participates in the discharge planning with community agencies to relate the patient's treatment and rehabilitation program to the social and work situation;
- Maintains a caseload and engages clients in treatment with follow up, discharging those not active in treatment;
- Participates as a member of an interdisciplinary team;
- Maintains information on community resources which can be utilized during the client's care/discharge and coordinates treatment with other human service agencies;
- Refers clients to other services/agencies as appropriate and participates in the transfer process of clients to other levels of care;
- Provides clinical information to billing personnel to ensure authorization for service.
- Maintains timely treatment documentation in accordance with current regulations of a Certified Clinical Behavioral Health Clinic, licensed by the NYS Office of Mental Health and NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports;
- Coordinates various activity and treatment programs with social agencies;
- Collects and maintains appropriate data for administrative and clinical purposes.

This position is being filled on a provisional basis pending the outcome of a future dated Civil Service examination for this title.

**Chautauqua County Offers A Comprehensive Benefits Package Which Includes:**

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| - Health Insurance (including Dental & Vision plan)       | - 13 Paid Holidays          |
| - Health Savings Account (partially funded by the County) | - Vacation & Sick Time      |
| - Personal Days   |                             |
| - NYSLERS Pension   | - NYS Deferred Compensation |
| - Eligible for Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness    | - Wellness Program          |

**Minimum Qualifications:** Possession of a Master's Degree in Social Work, Counseling, or closely related field from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university.

**Additional Requirements:** Ability to meet the regular transportation requirements in carrying out fieldwork assignments as needed, at time of appointment and during service in this classification.