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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

JOB TITLE: Deaf Therapist II **OPEN DATE:** 7/14/2023
CLOSE DATE: Until Filled

JOB LOCATION: Department of Mental Health
 Region II Community Services
 1305 James I. Harrison Jr. Parkway
 Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35403

NUMBER: 23-47
JOB CODE: B9100

SALARY

- Range 80 (\$58,692.00 - \$98,678.40 Annually).
- Salary will be commensurate with experience. Limitations apply to current State employees.

BENEFITS

- 12 paid holidays.
- 1 personal leave day accrued each January.
- 13 sick leave days.
- 13 annual leave days accrued in the first year of employment.
- Longevity bonus annually after 5 years of employment.
- Very low-cost health and dental insurance through the [Alabama State Employee Insurance Board](#).
- Defined retirement benefit (not impacted by economic downturns) and a pre-retirement death benefit through the [Retirement Systems of Alabama](#).
 - After 1 year, the minimum amount of the pre-retirement death benefit paid to your designated beneficiary is at least equal to your current or previous fiscal year annual salary.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Promotional from Deaf Therapist I.
- OR
- Master’s degree in Counseling, Social Work, or Psychology. Must be licensed in discipline.

Note: If these minimum qualifications cannot be met, the application may be considered for a Deaf Therapist I position.

- Deaf Therapist I (B9000) – Master’s degree in Counseling, Social Work, or Psychology.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must maintain licensure in discipline. If hired at Deaf Therapist I must demonstrate continual progress toward obtaining licensure.
- Must have near native-level signing skills equal to Advanced level or higher of signing skills in American Sign Language (ASL) as measured by the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI).
- Must have a valid driver’s license to operate a vehicle in the State of Alabama.



KIND OF WORK

- Serves as a therapist providing clinical services to deaf and hard of hearing consumers in a 14-county area, including Tuscaloosa and parts of Birmingham.
- Provides clinical services as requested to deaf patients in state-operated-facilities.
- Ensures client files are updated using mental health center protocol.
- Attends, completes, and remains current on all required training at each of the mental health centers served.
- Conducts clinical and communication assessments.
- Participates in Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) ratings as needed.
- Provides clinical supervision over university interns.
- Completes various reports and paperwork required.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of mental illness and the effects thereof upon individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Knowledge of psychotropic medications, their use, and side effects.
- Knowledge of deaf culture.
- Knowledge of community mental health and community substance abuse service providers.
- Ability to use American Sign Language fluently.
- Ability to utilize the computer, internet resources, and various software packages.
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally (i.e., spoken English and American Sign Language) and in writing.
- Ability to acquire an understanding of visual-gestural communication approaches used by consumers who are dysfluent.

METHOD OF SELECTION

- Applicants will be rated based on an evaluation of their job-related training, abilities, experience, and education, and should provide adequate work history identifying experiences related to the duties and minimum qualifications as mentioned above.
- All relevant information is subject to verification.
- **Drug screening and security clearances will be conducted on prospective applicants being given serious consideration for employment whose job requires direct contact with patients.**

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Only work experience detailed on the application will be considered. Applications should be submitted by the deadline to be considered. Announcements open until filled will remain open until a sufficient applicant pool is obtained. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure the application will be considered for the position. Copies of License/Certifications should be uploaded with your application. A copy of the academic transcript is required. Appointment of successful candidate will be conditional based on receipt of the official transcript provided by the school, college, or university.

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