

REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
Community Services Division / West Village Studios
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

JOB TITLE: CASE WORKER I

STATUS: Fulltime with complete benefit package.

PAY RATE: \$21.00 per hour, 40 hours weekly.

DEADLINE: Open until filled / interviews will take place as qualified applicants are received.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Required [Employment Application](#) and instructions for submitting your application materials are available at www.rcaa.org/employment-opportunities a resume with your application is highly recommended.

PLEASE NOTE: Not all applicants will be selected for interviews. Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted regarding their status. Late applications (if a deadline is listed), incomplete applications or resumes without applications will not be accepted.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Arts in social work, psychology or a related field (equivalent experience may be substituted for education on a year-for-year basis)
- One (1) year experience working with adults in a social service program setting, including: homelessness, mental illness, and/or other low-income populations.

SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS & EXPECTATIONS FOR CSD/ WVS CASE WORKER I – This position serves under the direction of the Division Director, or their assigned designee. The Case Worker I will work with all program residents and provide individual assessments and goal setting. This position works with clients on their action plans and monitors progress toward those goals.

Specific Tasks

- Conduct intake activities for new tenants to receive Supportive Services

- Assess client needs; identify services to meet those needs and develop a service delivery plan with the assistance of the client and their natural supports and/or other providers.
- Case planning will focus on maintaining permanent housing and will be done through a trauma-informed lens in a holistic framework of: social, physical, emotional and financial needs.
- Advocates for clients and encourage community resources and human service agencies to assist clients in their movement towards independence and sustaining permanent housing.
- Establish linkages with local agencies and community resources to maximize effectiveness of the case management system.
- Monitor and evaluate progress, assess the adequacy and appropriateness of client's permanent housing, and assist in securing alternative living arrangements when necessary.
- Assist clients with budgeting and monitoring their finances and income on a monthly basis, track and report all necessary changes to appropriate entities as necessary (landlord/property management, rental subsidy agencies, voucher holder agencies, etc.)
- Facilitate client centered meetings which may include client's natural supports and other community providers.
- Monitor and evaluate achievement of service delivery plan.
- Case conference with other significant individuals and work cooperatively with other service providers.
- Complete work activity reporting as required, and in compliance with all California laws and funding source standards and regulations.
- Attend weekly case supervision meetings; come to those meetings prepared with case information, service delivery plan, and any problems encountered.
- Confer with other staff, program leaders regarding client needs and ways of improving staff ability to impact clients in a positive manner.
- Represent the Division at various team community meetings.
- Expand community knowledge of the division's programs and services through collaboration with other service providers.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to plan case strategies and assist with developing case plans for clients.
- Attending in-service training as required.
- Maintain case notes, records and program compliance.
- Support and assist clients on a regular basis with developing or maintaining the skills required to sustain permanent housing (i.e. socialization, rehabilitation, medical services, financial assistance, etc.)
- Transport clients to medical, legal appointments, and to other providers as needed to ensure reaching goals of case plan.
- Arranges for use of various community resources and secures necessary equipment and transportation for such activities.
- Other duties as assigned or necessary.

CASE WORKER I job description template:

PLEASE NOTE the rest of this Case Worker I job description/announcement is a template for all of RCAA's Case Worker I positions across all of our programs.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE that the Case Worker I may or may not be expected to do all of the tasks listed on the job description template, that will be determined by the program you are working under.

POSITION PURPOSE

Under the general supervision of the Division Director, and the direct supervision by the assigned management staff or their designee, the Case Worker I will provide crisis intervention, case management services, client advocacy, life skills education, and information and referral services to the program clients. To assess client and/or family needs; implement and monitor appropriate strategies to meet identified needs; maintain adequate case notes to monitor and analyze service delivery; prepare various reports as required; provide community outreach and liaison with other local service providers; initiate or assist in community development activities to increase the availability of services to clients and families.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONSSpecific Tasks

- Provide supervision, assistance and mentoring in activities of daily living (i.e. hygiene, cleanliness of living areas, nutrition, employment readiness, appropriate social and/or recreational activities, educational needs and transportation).
- Conducts intake activities for new tenants/clients, including verifying all documentation, completing required forms, and building a working rapport with clients.
- Assess client needs; identify services to meet those needs and develop a service delivery plan with the assistance of client and/or family; also lead client or family meetings/mediations.
- Case conference with referring agency personnel and other significant individuals and work cooperatively with personnel from law enforcement, probation, child welfare services, and other client-serving agencies (public, private and non-profit)
- Maintains updated case notes; maintain resident's records in compliance with programmatic, state and federal standards.
- Complete work activity reporting as required, and in compliance with all California laws and funding source standards and regulations.
- Confer with other staff, program leaders and clinician regarding client needs and ways of improving staff ability to impact clients in a positive manner.
- Represent the Division at various team community meetings.
- Expand community knowledge of the division's programs and services through collaboration with other service providers.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to plan treatment strategies and assist with developing treatment programs for clients.
- Facilitate weekly groups and life skills classes with clients.
- Attend in-service trainings as required.
- Maintain case notes, records and program compliance.
- Provide for all clients' safety.
- Assists to manage assaultive behavior and crisis intervention; to provide support and assistance in problem resolution; and to coordinate/arrange for the provision of needed services to address these issues.
- Support and assist clients on a regular basis in developing or maintaining the skills required to achieve and sustain independent living status (i.e. socialization, rehabilitation, etc.)
- Transport or coordinate transportation services for clients to medical, psychiatric or legal appointments, shopping, and to other providers as needed to insure reaching goals of case plan.
- Arranges for use of various community resources and secures necessary equipment and transportation for such activities.
- Other duties as assigned or necessary.

JOB REQUIREMENTSKnowledge of and Experience With:

- Social work and mental health models of intervention; crisis intervention, family and ecological systems, and counseling theories/approaches
- Local community services and California laws pertaining to children, youth, and adults.
- Group dynamics and methods of resolving group conflict.
- Staff development and community building
- Issues of homelessness, trauma, addiction, treatment and recovery
- Models of Harm Reduction and hybrid Harm Reduction philosophies and modalities
- Motivational interviewing techniques
- Basic networked computer skills: including, Microsoft office word, excel, and outlook.

Ability to:

- Communicate clearly/efficiently, written and orally; be competent in English grammar, punctuation & spelling.
- Demonstrate good organizational skills and manage multiple tasks in an efficient manner.
- Develop and maintain cooperative and effective relationships with co-workers, RCAA Agency staff, personnel of other agencies, funding source representatives, the local service population and with individuals contacted in the course of work.
- Show strong interpersonal skills and the ability to relate to individuals who may not share basic beliefs, including value systems and behavioral norms.
- Work with culturally diverse communities and families, with the ability to be culturally sensitive and appropriate.
- Maintain a professional, confidential work environment.
- Establish and maintain personal and programmatic boundaries while providing support services.
- Work effectively under pressure
- Develop comprehensive assessments and develop clearly defined casework objectives.
- Mediate family conflict and negotiate contracts leading towards family reunification, if necessary
- Conduct self in a professional, courteous and cooperative manner always; and maintain a professional standard based on RCAA's Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook and the Employee Code of Conduct
- Work flexible hours, which may include evenings, weekends, and holidays, and arriving at work as scheduled and prepared.
- Ensure and protect Agency, employee, program and client confidentiality and safety; and follow all protocols and procedures defined by this Agency and/or State and Federal laws to achieve this protection.

NOTE FOR ALL APPLICANTS

- This position is considered a **“safety-sensitive”** job and will be subject to RCAA's “Substance/Alcohol Abuse” policy. This policy is included in the Policies and Procedures and a more detailed brochure is available from the Human Resources Department which further outlines the policy
- This job description should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards for the position. Incumbents may be required to follow instructions and perform other duties as required by their supervisor.

- RCAA is an “**Essential Business**” that continues to operate during unexpected events, such as: earthquake, natural disaster or a public health emergency. Thus, employees of RCAA are expected to continue to perform their jobs while observing safety precautions.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident and have the ability to provide proof of identity and employment eligibility in accordance with Federal law.
- Must have means and capacity to perform job related work with personal vehicle, as may be required, and must have proof of current automobile insurance.
- Possession of a valid California’s Driver’s License with acceptable DMV driving record.
- Submit to background clearance and/or fingerprinting with acceptable results.
- Valid First Aid and CPR certification or willingness/ability to be certified, if required.
- Proof of current (within 1 year) negative TB test, or willingness to obtain one, if required.
- Proof of required education (i.e. AA, BA, MSW, etc.)
- Must always have an effective means of communication; a home or cell phone with the ability to accept voice messages.

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ABILITIES

Employee must be able to provide the following with or without reasonable accommodation:

- Sufficient clarity of speech and hearing or other communication capabilities to enable the employee to communicate effectively.
- Sufficient vision or other powers of observation to enable the employee to review a wide variety of materials in electronic or hard copy form.
- Sufficient manual dexterity to enable the employee to operate a personal computer, telephone, and other related equipment.
- Sufficient personal mobility and physical reflexes to enable the employee to safely lift, move or maneuver whatever may be necessary to successfully perform the duties of their position.
- Sufficient personal mobility and physical reflexes to enable the employee to efficiently function in their assigned work environment, including, where applicable, the operation of motorized vehicles and equipment.

BENEFITS

All fulltime positions come with a complete benefit package, which includes the following:

- Medical, dental and vision (minimal share of cost and must work at least 30+ hours per week)
** Health benefits become effective the first of the month following 30 days of employment
- 2 weeks paid vacation for year one, 3 weeks for year two, and 4 weeks for year five
- 12 days paid sick time per year
- 13 paid holidays and 1 personal day per year
- Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) paid for by the agency
- After one year of employment, RCAA contributes % of the employee's gross income to their 401(k) at no additional cost to the employee
- Part-time employees are eligible for paid vacation and sick time on a pro-rated basis depending on the number of hours worked. P/T employees may also be eligible for paid holidays dependent upon certain criteria in RCAA's paid holiday policy.

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