

Position: AWARE Mental Health Clinician
Supervisor: Project AWARE Program Manager

BACKGROUND:

Farmington Municipal Schools has been awarded funds through the Project AWARE grant program. The AWARE grant provides funding to hire additional mental health providers to support our students. The AWARE Mental Health Clinician is one of the positions funded by this grant, as such, is subject to the availability of grant funds. The successful candidate will serve students at either Tibbetts Middle School or Farmington High School.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The AWARE Mental Health Clinician will provide mental health counseling services to students at their assigned location.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Establish positive and trusting rapport with students and advocate for their needs.
- Meet with students in crisis and ensure they obtain the needed resources.
- Follow the established referral process for Project AWARE, and assess whether referred students meet the required qualifications to receive grant-funded services.
- Assess students' needs through the use of mental health screening tools including, but not limited to, the GAD-7, PHQ-A, and CRAFFT.
- Survey students using the GPRA questionnaire after consent and a release of information are obtained. Give GPRA information to the site evaluator within the grant-prescribed timeframe.
- Determine accurate diagnoses for referred students according to grant requirements.
- Maintain a caseload of students and provide these students with mental health counseling on a schedule that is appropriate for their needs.
- Create appropriate, individualized treatment plans according to students' needs and circumstances and adjust these plans as necessary.
- Facilitate individual, group, and/or family counseling sessions as appropriate.
- Refer students to needed resources.
- Attend and actively participate in supervision (if not independently licensed) as required by law.
- Maintain accurate and timely documentation.
- Attend all meetings and training as assigned and/or as required by the grant.
- Utilize good time management and ensure all assigned tasks and grant deliverables are completed in a timely manner.
- Work collaboratively with staff, students, and parents.
- Demonstrate adherence to all applicable professional standards, codes of conduct, laws, and confidentiality requirements.
- Maintain current licensure.
- Other duties as assigned.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Independent licensure through the New Mexico Social Work Examiners or the Counseling and Therapy Practice Board as a master's level mental health counselor. Preferred licenses include LCSW, LPCC, and LMFT.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Master's level degree in a related field from an accredited college or university.
- Non-independent licensure through the New Mexico Social Work Examiners or Counseling and Therapy Practice Board as a master's level mental health counselor. Acceptable licenses include LMSW and LMHC.
- Must be able to pass a background check.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Sitting, standing, lifting, and carrying (up to 50 pounds), reaching, squatting, kneeling, prolonged typing, and moving light furniture may be required.

EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY: Must be proficient in or able to learn how to use applicable technology and software such as, but not limited to, Google applications, Apple computers, MaxCapture, and web browsers.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Must be able to work within various degrees of noise, temperature, and air quality. Must be able to tolerate a fast-paced work environment with frequent interruptions. Must be self-motivated and able to work independently. After-hours work may be required. May be required to travel between work sites. May be required to participate in community outreach activities.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT: Position will work a 200-day contract. Salary will be established yearly by the school board and is subject to the availability of grant funding.