Job Summary:

Operation Breakthrough is current recruiting for a Child Therapist to work as part of a mental health team in an educational environment to assess and treat trauma, behavioral or emotional problems of young children. The Child Therapists provide prescriptive prevention services to classrooms, individual and family treatment, as well as supporting parent educational programs. Therapists work as part of an interdisciplinary team to support the child and their caregiver.

Qualifications

Master’s Degree in Social Welfare, Psychology, Counseling or related field;

Formal training in the area of Play Therapy, certification (Registered Play Therapist) preferred

2 years minimum successful experience as a Play Therapist or equivalent experience; Licensed individual preferred

Clinical experience with children ages 2 – 7 years of age, familiar with clinical implications of; trauma, attachment, diversity & poverty

Alternatives to the above qualifications as administration may find appropriate and acceptable

Responsibilities/Duties/Functions/Tasks

- Maintain/achieve clinical Missouri Licensure in Social Work, Psychology or Counseling;
- Maintain an active caseload of 10-14 children individually seen weekly, and/or dyadic treatment;
- Facilitate treatment focused therapeutic groups for children; including, small group, whole class;
- Support and attend parent programming during identified evenings;
- Provide classroom support, interventions as needed; including teacher consultation, assistance with creating behavior plans;
- Provide parent/caregiver/education via consults, phone, face-to-face or other means as needed;
- Maintain current and accurate files and database entry;
- Provide Clinical Director and/or Clinic Coordinator with data, assessments and other information at requested deadlines;
- Assist with crisis intervention for children, classrooms and families as needed;
- Attend meetings related to individual caseload/clients;
- Support interdisciplinary team responsibilities; Collaborate with Adult Therapists to support the whole family;
- Provide narrative and outcome data as needed to meet all grant reporting deadlines;
- Interact respectfully and appropriately and with staff and families;
- Work collaboratively across the Supportive Service department to serve clients;
- Encompass the ability to communicate and work with a variety of individuals interpersonally

COMPENTENCIES

- Ability to communicate, interact and work effectively and cooperatively with all people.
- Courteous and professional demeanor; Ability to keep information confidential.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Social/Emotionally demanding. Individual needs ability to maintain emotional flexibility under stress. Work successfully and respectfully with children, families and staff.

Reports to: Assistant Director of Clinical
Deadline: Until filled