



has an opportunity for a

Behavioral Health Coordinator
Centralia Elementary School District
(Full-Time)

Western Youth Services is a leading expert in children’s mental health and wellness solutions. As a hub of children’s mental health in Orange County, we’ve been providing services and programs for our community for over 50 years. Our passionate and dedicated staff deliver services and programs that prevent, treat and heal our kids and families and increase their ability to live full and productive lives. If this sounds like you, and you meet the qualifications for this position, please send us your resume.

Western Youth Services is seeking a qualified Behavioral Health Coordinator to lead the development and implementation of a multi-tiered behavioral and mental health support system within the Centralia Elementary School District. This role is central to establishing a comprehensive, trauma-informed, school-based mental health model as part of a new initiative in our Program Development Department. The Behavioral Health Coordinator will provide direct support to students, including small group facilitation, addressing various challenges such as peer relationships, emotional regulation, family issues, and make referrals to community resources when appropriate. In addition to direct services, the Behavioral Health Coordinator will play a vital role in designing and establishing sustainable systems and processes for behavioral health practices across the district. This includes collaborating with school staff to integrate trauma-informed practices, conducting staff training on supportive classroom strategies, and helping to introduce the Coordination of Services Team (CoST) and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) frameworks to build a lasting model for student support.

Responsibilities:

Student Support and Intervention

- Provide individualized and group behavioral support to students, including social-emotional learning and trauma-informed strategies.
- Facilitate small group sessions to help students develop skills in emotional regulation, social interaction, and positive behavior.

Crisis Response

- Respond to crises involving threats to self or others, conducting risk assessments and providing immediate de-escalation as needed.
- Collaborate with school administrators and staff to determine appropriate responses to behavioral and mental health incidents.

Collaboration and System Building

- Partner with school staff to implement a coordinated support model based on MTSS principles.
- Participate in regular meetings with school staff to review cases, plan interventions, and monitor student progress.
- Assist in developing trauma-informed practices in classrooms, supporting teachers and staff in fostering safe and supportive learning environments.

Training and Consultation

- Deliver trauma-informed training sessions to teachers, covering de-escalation, emotional regulation, and supportive classroom strategies.
- Provide consultative support to teachers, helping them apply trauma-informed approaches to daily interactions with students.

Documentation and Reporting

- Maintain accurate records of interventions, group sessions, and crisis responses.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Social Work, Human Services, or a related field.
- Proven experience providing direct mental health services in a school or community setting, with a background in designing and implementing new support systems or programs within mental health or related fields.
- Strong ability to build and maintain effective partnerships with school personnel and community resources, promoting collaboration and support.
- Self-motivated and proactive, able to work independently with a focus on productivity and achieving positive outcomes for students.
- Knowledgeable in trauma-informed care, social-emotional learning, and MTSS frameworks.
- Skilled in crisis intervention, including risk assessment and de-escalation strategies.
- Excellent organizational skills for maintaining accurate documentation and data tracking.

Salary: from \$25.75 hourly

Benefits: Comprehensive employee benefits package includes: Medical, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Long Term Disability and 403(b) Retirement Incentive & Savings Plan.

Western Youth Services' Mission: Advancing awareness, cultivating success, and strengthening communities through integrated mental health services for children, youth, and families.

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