

**Career Opportunity:**

**Title:** Qualified Mental Health Professional

**FLSA:** Exempt

**Location:** Breakthrough-Men's Center 402 N. St. Louis Avenue Chicago, IL

**Position Summary:**

The Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) is responsible for mental health assessments, writing psychosocial histories and providing individual counseling for homeless guests residing at both Breakthrough Urban Ministries single adult shelters. The QMHP works with other members of the Adult Services team to assist homeless guests with their mental health needs, including co-occurring substance abuse disorders, as guests work toward stability, which includes sobriety, employment and permanent housing.

The QMHP's role will include but not be limited to:

- Assess homeless guests and provide written psychosocial histories to be reviewed by the Behavioral Health
- Coordinator and our psychiatrist consultant to formulate mental health treatment plans.
- Provide mental health counseling to homeless guests as needed, specifically those with co-occurring diagnoses that include complex post traumatic and substance abuse disorders.
- Link guests to community-based behavioral health programs/agencies for long-term mental health services.
- Provide crisis management, including involuntary commitment when needed to gain stabilization.
- Facilitate one to two substance abuse groups monthly.
- Enter required information into agency database.
- Submit written monthly reports to the Behavior Health Coordinator
- Assist with completion of pending benefit claims, including SSI, SSDI, etc.

**Educational/Experience Requirements:**

Master's degree in Social Work or Counseling and two years of experience is required; Experience working with homeless or disenfranchised clients and an understanding of mental health issues common to the homeless population. Understanding of standard mental health assessments and counseling theories, skills and practice. Must have current IAODAPCA certification or endorsement or provide evidence that application is underway to acquire those credentials.



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**Compensation/Benefits:**

In exchange for the above, we offer competitive wages and a comprehensive benefit package including: paid sick time, free fitness center membership, employee discounts and more.

**To Apply:**

Send/email/fax cover letter and resume to:

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