

## YOUTH CHALLENGE OF CONNECTICUT

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Youth Challenge of CT, Inc. is faith-based organization that is licensed as a Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Facility. We believe our clients deserve a residential program that will promote and advocate for a healthy lifestyle. A Substance Abuse Counselor are essential to meet and support the needs of the clients of Youth Challenge of CT.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

A substance abuse counselor provides individual and group substance abuse counseling. He or she participates as a clinical staff team member, shares in staffing and case conferences, performs necessary administrative tasks, and participates in Youth Challenge, CT community relations.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Substance Abuse outpatient counseling services
- Treatment Planning and Progress Note Documentation
- Clinical staff participation and trainings
- Youth Challenge of CT, Inc. administration and development

### EXAMPLES OF WORK:

#### Professional Services

- Providing the number of agreed upon counseling hours
- Maintaining clinical records to be shared with Youth Challenge's Clinical Team
- Working with the administrative staff to set and collect appropriate fees
- Representing the standards and practices of their primary professional fields

#### Substance Abuse Counseling Staff Participation

- Working cooperatively with staff colleagues, consultants, and referring professionals
- Actively participating in clinical staffing and case consultations
- Attending administrative and clinical staff meetings, staff retreats, and other activities.

#### Center Administration and Development

- Participating in the development of the Youth Challenge's referral network
- Participating in the Youth Challenge's programs of education, consultation, and community relations

### EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a minimum of a master's/doctor's degree (licensed preferred) in professional counseling, substance abuse, pastoral counseling, psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, or equivalent
- Clinical training and experience, validated by certification by the groups corresponding to their fields, including the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC), American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), Academy of Clinical Social Workers (ACSW), American Counseling Association (ACA), National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and/or certifications in substance abuse counseling from the CT Certification Board (DARC, CARC, CAC, CIT, CPS).
- Mastery of a coherent theory and practice of substance abuse therapy or related counseling fields
- Ability to use the language and methodology of differential diagnosis and familiarity with the contributions of various diagnostic assessments
- Ability to assess a client's therapeutic/counseling needs, to establish a therapeutic relationship, and to conduct, complete, and successfully terminate therapy
- Ability to relate the contributions of various disciplines to the therapeutic task and to make appropriate use of inter-professional clinical collaboration

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- Ability to work effectively with religious leaders, congregations, other community sponsors and resources
- Ability to help clients deal with theological issues utilizing religious resources within their own belief system
- Understanding of the dynamics of religious experience and the implications for substance abuse psychotherapy
- Ability and willingness to develop and cultivate his/her own caseload by representing Youth Challenge in the community and relating to referral sources
- Ability to establish and maintain appropriate personal and professional relationships and boundaries both within and outside of Youth Challenge

### **Supervision**

Under the direct supervision of the Program Directors and Operation's Manager.

Please email resume or CV to [egonzaleztorresycct@gmail.com](mailto:egonzaleztorresycct@gmail.com) or fax to 860-524-0418.

***Please no Phone Calls***

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