



Denver JDS Pre Licensed or Licensed Counselor Job Description

Our Mission Statement

Our pluralistic Jewish community day school prepares and inspires Jewish students through an extraordinary secular and Judaic education to live purposefully, act ethically, and thrive in the world.

Position Summary

This Counselor position is responsible for working with the DJDS Psychologist and Counseling Team in building relationships and programs to support the mental health wellness goals of our students and school community. This includes both individual and group intervention work as well as developing, collaborating and implementing more prevention based and psychoeducational programming for grades k-12. The counselor is held to all relevant ethical and legal standards dictated by the profession and the state of Colorado.

Responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

Individual/Group Counseling:

- Provide counseling sessions for individuals or small groups of students to promote resolution of social, academic, extracurricular, and family concerns.
- Screen/assess mental health needs for students, safety planning and establish a plan of care including in-school counseling and/or community based referrals as appropriate.
- Consult and communicate with parents/caregivers to hear their concerns, brainstorm next steps, effective communication plans, and support strategies with their children; obtain permission to counsel their students; and share information, recommendations, and referral resources.
- Provide in-the-moment counseling sessions to students experiencing emotional dysregulation or distress

- Build relationships with community mental health providers in order to assist families in connecting with appropriate outside services and communicate/collaborate with outside providers, families and teaching staff as needed.
- Identify the need for and help form and lead small group counseling.
- The school counselor consults with teachers, conducts classroom observations and assists in creating behavioral strategies and plans for students when needed. School counselor will attend parent/teacher conferences when appropriate.
- The counselor is responsible for knowing school crisis and risk assessment protocol.

Prevention based and Psychoeducational Programming:

- Plan and Teach weekly 9th Grade Health Class
- Coordinate and co-teach the Introduction to Puberty Lessons for 5th-grade students.
- Plan and facilitate 6th, 7th, and 8th grade lessons related to drugs and alcohol
- Assist in the development and implementation of Social Emotional Learning in k-8 classrooms.
- Communicate with families, faculty and staff content of programming and needs for support when appropriate

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Master's degree in counseling, psychology or social work from an accredited college or university.
- Some background or experience in an educational setting.
- Communication skills that include clear written materials and excellent verbal abilities with both individuals and groups
- Training and experience conducting risk assessments and crisis intervention.
- Commitment to diversity and cultural competency

Compensation:

Compensation is hourly (~\$23.00-\$25.00/hour) and is dependent on experience. Schedule has some flexibility and we are looking for around 3-4 days per week.

Application:

Please submit your resume and cover letter to, DJDS Psychologist, Natalie Mohan at nmohan@denverjds.org