Mental Health Counselor

Job Description: Mental Health Counselor will provide individual and group mental health counseling sessions for students/clients of The Health Center.

Principle Responsibilities of the Position:

- Provide individual and group mental health counseling for The Health Center clients consistent with standards established by the Washington State Department of Health and The Health Center policy.
- Complete required documentation (intake, visit notes, billing slip, etc.) by the end of the next business day. .
- Participate with The Health Center interdisciplinary team to provide mental health care recommendations for students and/or multi-disciplinary team meetings with outside agencies.
- Consult with primary care provider, teacher, school counselor, and other mental health professionals as needed.
- Make appropriate referrals as needed based on clinical judgment, providing the student at least 2 options for care.
- Provide counseling sessions for parents with students as needed.
- Provide case management, advocacy, and resource linkage.
- Develop and facilitate support groups.
- Maintain professional behavior and relationships with school faculty and staff and referral resources.
- Attend monthly oversight staffing with the Mental Health Director.
  Assist The Health Center in following emergency procedure guidelines.

Additional Requirements of the Position:

- Effective oral and written communication skills and group facilitation skills.
- Deliver “best practice” individual, small group, and family counseling services.
- Organize work and efficiently meet service objectives.
- Compliance with Washington State and United States federal laws and regulations for the provision of ambulatory mental health services.
- Proper mental health record keeping in compliance with HIPPA.
- Understanding of psychodynamics of children, adolescents, and treatment strategies for common mutual health problems of children and adolescents.
- Culturally sensitive and willing to work with persons from various socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds.
- Bilingual Spanish desired.