

Therapeutic Staff Support (TSS): Provides one-on-one interventions to a child with a mental health diagnosis whose functioning is impaired in specified areas of social, behavioral, and/or emotional functioning. Without this intervention, the child would require a more restrictive treatment or educational setting. The TSS implements the treatment plan developed by the treatment team with the purpose of improving the child's functioning in a variety of settings by providing support, facilitating growth, and teaching skills to the child, family and educators.

Specific therapeutic staff support services include: crisis intervention techniques, immediate behavioral reinforcements, emotional support, time-structuring activities, time out strategies, passive restraints (when necessary), and additional psychosocial rehabilitative activities as prescribed in the treatment plan.

Therapeutic staff support may be provided by more than one individual during a 24 hour period, necessitating ongoing coordination of interventions among the individuals providing the support services.

Persons providing therapeutic staff support have the following tasks:

1. Specific interventions to stabilize the child or adolescent.
2. Support for the family's efforts to stabilize the child or adolescent and to promote age-appropriate behavior, by working with the family.
3. Collaboration with other members of the treatment team and other professionals working in the home or in other community settings and participation in Inter-Agency Service Planning Meetings, when possible.

This position is part-time, hourly

Minimum qualifications:

Bachelors or Associates Degree in Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, or a related field preferable **OR** 60 credits towards related degree with 3 years paid experience working with youth

The ideal candidate must be extremely organized and possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Must be professional, flexible, and have the ability to work independently.

To apply for this position, please forward cover letter, resume, and three references (two must be professional) to Caroline Colella at ccolella@yapinc.org