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REVISED ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO FILL A NON-MERIT SYSTEM POSITION
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

JOB TITLE: Recreation/Activity Specialist III

NUMBER: 21-05

JOB CODE: J3000

DATE: August 27, 2021

JOB LOCATION: Mary Starke Harper Geriatric
Psychiatry Center
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

PCQ #s: 8801999

SALARY RANGE: 73 (\$40,065.60 - \$60,746.40 Annually)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree in Therapeutic Recreation, recreation, or a closely related field. Considerable experience (48 months or more) in recreation, physical education, or therapeutic activities. Must possess or be eligible to receive Certification as a CTRS through the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Society or Board Certified as a Music Therapist under (CBMT) the Certification Board of Music Therapy.

KIND OF WORK: This is professional work as the Director of Therapeutic Recreation Service at a state mental health hospital that specializes in the psychiatric, medical care, and treatment of mentally ill patients age 65 and older. Therapeutic Recreation Service provides recreational treatment programming, diversional leisure activities, and leisure education to improve functioning and independence of geriatric patients to reduce or eliminate the effects of illness or disability. The Director will also participate in the provision of therapeutic recreation services for geriatric patients. Duties and responsibilities include planning, organizing, directing and managing therapeutic recreation activities and related services for patients; active participation in individualized patient treatment planning, conferences, and treatment review meetings; completion of patient's recreation assessments; and directing, supervising and assessing the work of Therapeutic Recreation Staff.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Considerable knowledge of the basic theories and practices associated with the therapeutic use of various recreational and leisure activities. Considerable knowledge of the nature and specifications for equipment and supplies needed to provide assigned activities/treatments and their proper care and maintenance. Knowledge of individuals and group behavior and effective ways of working with mentally challenged geriatric individuals. Ability to gather, interpret, and utilize data. Ability to plan, develop, provide, and evaluate therapeutic activity programming. Ability to organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinate staff.

METHOD OF SELECTION: Applicants will be rated on the basis of an evaluation of their job-related training, abilities, experience, and education, and should provide adequate work history identifying experiences related to the duties and minimum qualifications as mentioned above. All relevant information is subject to verification. **Drug screening and security clearances will be conducted on prospective applicants being given serious consideration for employment whose job requires direct contact with patients.**

HOW TO APPLY: Use an official application for Professional Employment (Exempt Classification) which may be obtained from our website at www.mh.alabama.gov. **Only work experience detailed on the application will be considered.** Applications should be submitted by the deadline to be considered. Announcements open until filled will remain open until a sufficient applicant pool is obtained. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure the application will be considered for the position. Copies of License / certifications should be uploaded with your application. A copy of the academic transcript is required. Appointments of successful candidate will be conditional based on receipt of the official transcript provided by the school, college, or university.

DEADLINE: Until Filled

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