



WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR CARE COURT TEAM

Open Position & Qualifications

Senior Mental Health Counselor (SMHC)

- Collaborative work with community providers, courts, and law enforcement.
- Knowledge of community organization, program planning, and service systems.
- Strong communication skills with consumers, families, and treatment teams.
- Proficient in clinical interviewing, diagnosis, and assessment using DSM.
- Experience developing and implementing treatment plans.
- Familiarity with community resources and access processes.
- Understanding of wellness and recovery practices in traditional and non-traditional settings.
- Ability to work effectively with diverse populations and system partners.
- Culturally informed practice and comfort with varied backgrounds.
- Strong interpersonal, organizational, and problem-solving skills.

PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

The Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court in Sacramento County is a collaborative civil court program operated by Sacramento Behavioral Health Services in partnership with the Superior Court. The program provides a pathway to community-based behavioral health care, housing, and supportive services for adults living with schizophrenia spectrum disorder or bipolar disorder with psychotic features who are at risk of repeated hospitalization, homelessness, incarceration, or LPS conservatorship.

SMHC ROLE OVERVIEW

The SMHC in CARE Court performs field-based assessments to determine program eligibility and helps develop treatment and support plans for individuals with schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders. The role includes light case management during the investigation phase and ongoing involvement throughout the client's participation. CARE Court is a civil process aimed at preventing criminalization and institutionalization by connecting individuals to voluntary, community-based care before more restrictive interventions become necessary.

Already ranked and on the Eligibility List?

If you're interested, please apply by sending your cover letter, resume, and three professional references to michaeljacq@saccounty.gov.

Interested in the SMHC classification but are not currently on the eligibility list? Scan the QR code to apply through the Government Jobs portal.

