

WE ARE HIRING!

We are looking for passionate individuals who thrive in high-impact environment. Apply now!

JOIN OUR JAIL AND COURT ASSESSMENT TEAM

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct behavioral health assessments and provide provisional diagnoses to determine service eligibility.
- Engage clients in custody (Main Jail & Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center [CC]) or at the Jail Diversion Treatment and Resource Center.
- Link clients to appropriate community-based services and supports.
- Provide on-site crisis intervention and respond to urgent behavioral health needs.
- Collaborate with Courts and Law Enforcement partners, including Public Defenders, District Attorneys, and Judges.
- Maintain timely and accurate clinical documentation and records.
- Provide leadership and mentorship to clinical staff, supporting onboarding, training, and workflow coordination.

PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

Under the direction of the Mental Health Program Coordinator, the SMHC will:

- Provide professional mental health assessment and diagnosis;
- Support individuals referred to programs such as Mental Health Treatment Court, Mental Health Diversion Court, Recovery Court, Prop 36, and the Chronic Offender Rehabilitation Effort (CORE) District Attorney (DA);
- Work with both in-custody and community-based clients;
- Collaborate with Sacramento County Superior Court, Probation, and contracted providers; and
- Promote recovery through judicial supervision, accountability, and treatment-focused alternatives to jail.



OPEN POSITION & QUALIFICATIONS

Senior Mental Health Counselor (SMHC)

- Master's degree and clinical licensure (LMFT, LCSW, LPCC, or Clinical Psychologist).
- Registered with the appropriate California licensing board.
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate effectively with courts, law enforcement, and community members.
- Expertise in clinical interviewing, diagnosis, and assessment using the DSM.
- Knowledge of behavioral health systems, community resources, and recovery-oriented practices.
- Ability to communicate effectively with clients, families, and multidisciplinary teams.
- Familiarity with wellness and recovery strategies.
- Commitment to equity, inclusion, and culturally responsive care when working with diverse populations and system stakeholders.

Already ranked and on the Eligibility List?

If you're interested, please apply by sending your cover letter, resume, and three professional references to:

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

