



Clinical Therapist – FULL TIME
Roosevelt Square Village, Chicago, IL, US

Salary Range: \$44,000.00 Annually Onwards

ABOUT US:

At SOS Children's Villages Illinois, we are committed to providing safe, stable, loving homes. We do this by keeping brothers and sisters together in an individual home in the care of a full-time, professional Foster Parent. In doing so, we lay the foundation for rebuilding trust, confidence, and hope for each child in our care.

SOS Children's Villages Illinois offers an innovative approach to traditional foster care. Our model of care gives children the opportunity to live in a nurturing, stable, single-family home with their brothers and sisters in the care of a full-time, professionally trained Foster Parent in one of our Villages. Children benefit from the stability of remaining with their siblings as well as the support of neighboring SOS Illinois Foster Parents and the entire community.

BASIC FUNCTION:

The Clinical Therapist is responsible for providing professional clinical services including assessments, interventions, consultations, crisis intervention and psycho-social-educational therapeutic services to children, youth, families and caregivers served by SOS Children's Villages Illinois (SOS Illinois).

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Complete Mental Health Assessments (MHA) and Individual Treatment Plans (ITP) for all assigned clients and make appropriate service recommendations to case management staff and to the Director of Clinical Services.
- Provide individual, family and group therapy to assigned clients in order to achieve the goals outlined in the client service plan and ITP.
- Prepare quarterly progress reports for clients as well as information for service plans and Court reports as required by DCFS and SOS Illinois.
- Assist staff and caregivers to appropriately respond to and resolve crisis issues as they arise. Includes on call responsibilities.

- Maintain complete, accurate, and confidential clinical progress notes, treatment plans and files as required by SOS Illinois and in compliance with Medicaid Part 132 for all assigned clients and families.
- Input Medicaid information into required database and participate in all aspects of Medicaid submission, file audits and training when necessary.
- Provide consultation to foster and biological parents and case managers to ensure adequate understanding of the therapeutic needs of the child and appropriate interventions and behavior management techniques.
- Participate in quarterly Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTM) and other client related staffings to provide prepared input regarding the client's clinical progress and service needs.
- Collaborate with caregivers, SOS Illinois case managers, DCFS, school personnel, court personnel, psychologists, psychiatrists and medical physicians.
- Participate in professional clinical supervision, at a minimum of once monthly for licensed clinicians and once weekly for unlicensed clinicians.
- Provide clinical and professional supervision and monitoring (leadership) as assigned by the Director of Clinical Services to unlicensed clinical staff and interns.
- May include completion of student evaluations and/or other documentation.
- Attend required staff meetings, agency meetings, supervision and other meetings/events as requested.
- Participate in ongoing professional development workshops and seminars as required by the organization and other governing bodies.
- Maintain regular contact with the Director of Clinical Services regarding programmatic issues and service documentation as assigned.
- Prepare and submit reports and other documentation as required by the Director of Clinical Services.
- Develop workshops (or groups) and presentations to address the needs of SOS Illinois clients, substitute caregivers and the community.
- Comply with all SOS Illinois policies, state, federal, county and city laws, rules and regulations.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A Masters of Social Work from an accredited program, or relevant Masters Degree, and a minimum of two years' experience in clinical services, preferably with children and youth.
- LCSW or LCPC preferred
- Valid Illinois driver's license with an acceptable driving record, and insured and reliable transportation.
- Ability to pass the required DCFS criminal background check, including child abuse and sexual offender registries.
- Ability to work with DCFS, courts, and other social service systems.
- Excellent written and oral communication and presentation skills.
- Strong organization and coordination skills.
- Sensitivity to the cultural and socioeconomic characteristics of clients and staff.
- Ability to relate to the clients and staff and to the public in a courteous and professional manner.
- Ability and willingness to travel to all agency sites as well as various community locations (may include home visits and travel to other parts of the state).
- Reliable, punctual, and able to manage multiple tasks.
- Ability to work in a tobacco, alcohol, and drug-free environment.
- Ability to exercise discretion and judgment.
- Ability to handle sensitive and confidential materials.
- Ability to work flexible hours (may include evenings and weekends)
- Commitment to SOS Illinois philosophy and mission.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Specific vision requirements include the ability to see at close range, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk and hear
- Possess the ability to fulfill any office activities normally expected in an office setting, to include, but not limited to: remaining seated for periods of time to perform computer based

work, participating in filing activity, lifting and carrying office supplies (paper reams, mail, etc.)

- Frequently required to stand, walk, sit, use hands to feel, and reach with hand and arms
- Occasionally lift and/or move up to 20-25 pounds
- Fine hand manipulation (keyboarding)
- At times, may require more than 40 hours per week to perform the essential duties of the position

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Internal office
- The noise level in the work environment is usually low

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

- Ability to read, write and speak English proficiently
- Ability to read, write and speak Spanish preferred but not required