SERVICES PROVIDED:

Cascadia believes that treatment works and that people can change. Our program is designed for female offenders, who have substance abuse and criminality issues. The goal of the Turning Point program is to provide effective treatment services for incarcerated individuals as they ready to transition back into the community, with the conjoint goal of reducing offender risk and the likelihood of future criminal behavior while enhancing public safety. Working with evidence-based practices formulated for female offenders, the program applies a framework of scientifically validated cognitive-behavioral principles designed to change attitudes and behaviors.

The program incorporates the following interdependent principles which are to be applied in developmental order:
- Assess actuarial risk and need
- Enhance intrinsic motivation
- Target interventions
- Skill training with directed practice
- Increase positive reinforcement
- Engage ongoing support in natural communities
- Measure relevant processes/practices
- Provide measurable feedback

At the core of our approach is the use of the Therapeutic Community (TC) approach, which is based on Social Learning Theory. This approach starts with a comprehensive assessment and treatment planning.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

- Learn about cognitive behavioral/restructuring programming and Therapeutic Community
- Learn about addictions and recovery for incarcerated women
- Observe, participate, and co-facilitate groups
- Identify community resources and supporting transition
- Learn and carry out multiple case management tasks

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• Model appropriate pro-social behaviors
• Learn and complete documentation
• Attend various meetings for professional development
• Learn how DOC (Department of Corrections) promotes public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of recidivism through the Oregon Accountability Model
• Complete all required DOC and Cascadia training and orientation, as recommended.

REQUIREMENTS:

• Pass a Criminal History Check
• CADC or currently working towards CADC certification
• Must be at least 21 years of age
• Second internship only
• Demonstrate personal initiative and willingness to learn

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND FINGERPRINTING REQUIRED

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as a perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward.

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