SERVICES PROVIDED:

MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility offers state certified ATOD treatment to Court committed male youth ages 18-25, who have been diagnosed with Substance Dependence. MacLaren has one ATOD treatment specific living unit. ATOD services are delivered by certified (CADC) staff and staff working to earn their CADC under the guidance of the clinical supervisor. Youth in this program participate in the Cannabis Youth Treatment Series and Pathways to Self-Discovery and Change ATOD curriculums. Other treatment curriculums youth may participate in include, but are not limited to Changing Offender Behavior (Core Cognitive Behavioral Therapy), Aggression Replacement Training, and Street Smarts (Gang Intervention Treatment). The program lasts for 6-12 months depending on youth investment in treatment and length of commitment to the facility.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

The ATOD practicum student will work with the ATOD Treatment Coordinator (CADC II) and assigned certified (CADC) staff to observe, learn, and gain an understanding of the ATOD program. Duties on the MYCF campus will include the following:

- Observe and Participate in the youth’s Screening and Orientation process
- Observe and Participate in the ATOD Assessment Process
- Observe and Participate in Group Intake Procedures
- Attend and Participate in ATOD Treatment Groups
- Observe and Participate in Treatment Documentation Process
- Observe and Participate in the Client Termination and Discharge Process
- Observe and Participate in Multidisciplinary meetings
- Observe and Participate in Individual sessions related to group treatment
- Observe case planning sessions

The ATOD Practicum Student will not supervise youth independent of a living unit staff. The ATOD Practicum Student is encouraged to interact with youth in order to develop and establish a therapeutic working relationship. The ATOD Practicum Student will maintain appropriate personal boundaries and limits.

In addition, the ATOD Practicum student will identify personal learning objectives and training activities. The ATOD Practicum student will agree to comply and sign the Onsite Practicum Agreement (YA 6011). The onsite Practicum Coordinator will maintain copies of learning objectives, training activities and the Onsite Practicum Agreement.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

The ATOD Practicum Students will be actively working towards achieving their CADC. They must be at least 21 years of age. The Practicum student needs to be able to commit to a minimum of five credits (14 hours) of practicum per term. We will only accept second year students or those that are in the Addiction Counselor Certification Preparation Program (Bachelor or Master level students) at this site. All potential Practicum Students will be required to complete the Oregon Youth Authority volunteer application and associated forms. All potential Practicum Students will be subject to fingerprinting and a criminal background check. This process can take anywhere from 4-12 weeks. There must be a willingness to work directly with at-risk youth. Appropriate personal limits must be observed and encouraged by the ATOD Practicum Student. The ATOD Practicum Student must, at all times, exhibit maturity and responsible behavior. The ATOD Practicum Student may not transport or solely supervise youth at any time.

TRAINING:

All Practicum Students must complete the certification process and basic orientation of OYA and the facility to which they are assigned. On-going in-service training will be offered on a regular basis. The practicum should contact the Volunteer Coordinator of the facility where they are assigned, if they wish to participate in these in-service trainings. Information regarding current issues, policies, and procedures will be provided through the Volunteer Coordinator.

TIME REQUIRED:

The ATOD Practicum Student’s schedule will be determined through mutual agreement between the student, the ATOD Treatment Coordinator (CADC II) and assigned CADC staff member. Reliability is essential and involvement should occur on a consistent basis. All volunteer time must be documented on the sign in/sign out logs.

SUPERVISION:

All Volunteers/Practicums are under the administration of the Volunteer Coordinator. The ATOD Treatment Coordinator (CADC II) will supervise ATOD Practicum Students, providing assignments, guidance, and instruction. The assigned ATOD Coordinator and/or CADC staff reserves the right to make recommendations based upon the performance of the student. Questions/concerns regarding any aspect of the volunteer experience may be directed to the Volunteer Coordinator or the ATOD Treatment Coordinator.

CRIMINAL HISTORY WILL BE 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 the 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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