



ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

## JOB POSTING

Type: Open



### Title: Forensic Mental Health Specialist I- Children

**Date Posted**

April 17, 2026

**Last Day to Respond to Posting**

April 30, 2026

**Bargaining Unit**

CSEA

**Job Group**

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**Employment Type**

Full-Time

**Starting Salary for External Candidates**

\$66, 219

**Shift**

Monday through Friday 08:00A – 04:00P

**Appointment Type**

Provisional

**Division/Work Unit**

Children's Mental Health Services

**Location**

Apple Tree Business Park- 2875 Union Rd.

**Number of Vacancies**

One

### **Provisional Appointment Notice**

This position is classified within the competitive class of the New York State Civil Service system and, as such, is subject to the examination and appointment requirements prescribed by Civil Service Law. Permanent appointment will be contingent upon success in a future civil service examination and subsequent placement on the resulting eligible list. Being reachable on the eligible list does not guarantee permanent appointment. Appointments will be made in accordance with the New York State Civil Service Law, including "Rule-of-Three".

### **Distinguishing Features of the Class**

This is an entrance level professional forensic mental health position serving children. The position will have the responsibility for providing direct mental health assessment, triage, linkage, monitoring and/ or service coordination to children with PINS or Juvenile Delinquency status and/ or Family Court involvement. The work is carried out in accordance with established procedures, with leeway permitted for the exercise of independent judgment. The work also includes providing consultation to and service coordination with Children's System of Care Partners and other community stakeholders

and the families of Children engaged in the System of Care (SOC). Work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-ranking administrative employee, with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment. Does related work as required.

### **Typical Work Activities**

- Provides direct mental health assessment, triage, linkage, monitoring and/ or service coordination to children with PINS or Juvenile Delinquency status and/ or Family Court involvement;
- Provides consultation, service coordination and utilization management activities to Children's System of Care Partners and other Children's SOC stakeholders in support of achieving timely and successful reintegration back into their home community for children admitted to non- secure detention;
- Coordinates with families of children admitted to Non- Secure Detention, family advocates and SOC Services Providers to support timely and effective discharge planning and successful transition from detention back to the child's home community;
- Participates in quality improvement initiatives targeted toward improving collaboration and coordination across and between the participating departments within the PINS Family Services Team; and, Supports improved communication and accountability to emerging standards of practice with Family Court and other critical Juvenile Justice and Youth Services Stakeholders.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

Possession of a Master's Degree\* in Social Work, Psychology, Psychiatric Nursing, Rehabilitation Counseling, Education, or closely related field and one (1) year of experience working with Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children.

### **Special Requirements**

New York State Department of Education licensure as a Social Worker or Mental Health Counselor at time of appointment and maintenance throughout duration of appointment.

### **Criminal Background Check**

In accordance with New York State law, a criminal background check may be conducted after a conditional offer of employment has been made. A prior conviction will not automatically disqualify a candidate from employment, unless required by law or directly related to the duties of the position. Certain positions may be subject to additional background screening based on statutory or regulatory requirements.

### **Remote Work Eligibility**

This position is not eligible for remote work under any circumstances. The duties of this role require full-time, on-site presence.

### **Equal Opportunity Employer Statement**

Erie County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, or any other legally protected status.

**Visa Sponsorship**

Erie County does not sponsor employment-based visa status for any position. All applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States at the time of application and throughout the duration of employment, without the need for current or future visa sponsorship.

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