

**Position Title: Bilingual Licensed Clinical Social Worker**

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**PRINCIPAL MISSION:** Our team is responsible for the integration of behavioral health into primary care with the specific aim of increasing access to care, reducing morbidity of both mental and physical disorders, and strengthening the treatment of mental health disorders in primary care.

**PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- LCSW will be part of a team focused on integrating behavioral health treatment into primary care.
- Work directly with nursing, primary care physicians and behavioral health staff treating depression and anxiety in an outpatient collaborative care model.
- Conduct initial screening, evaluation and diagnosing underlying mental illness.
- Provide short-term psychotherapeutic methods to children ages 5 and above, adolescents, adults, families and couples with familiarity using supportive therapy, motivational interviewing, PST, CBT.
- Employ crisis intervention and serve as a consultant to primary care physicians and nursing staff.
- Participate in daily huddles in family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics.
- Attend behavioral health team rounds, weekly group supervision and present complex and new cases.
- Document in EMR in a timely manner.
- Maintain daily tracking log and submit on a monthly basis.
- Promote awareness of behavioral health through outreach.
- Adhere to Social Work Code of Ethics.
- Adhere to center policies, treating patients, visitors, and co-workers in a professional manner, exercising courtesy and tact. Effectively communicate with patients and others about UCHC services in their area of expertise or responsibility and ensure that concerns, questions or issue reach the right person (s) in UCHC in a timely fashion.

**Qualifications:**

- Master's Degree in Social Work
- Licensure required Valid NY Stated LCSW
- Experience working in primary care setting preferred
- Strong Communication skills, both written and verbal
- English/ Spanish fluency is required
- Sensitivity to cultural, religious, racial, disability and gender issues.

**Department:** Behavioral Health  
**Position type:** Full Time

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Please email cover letter and resume to:  
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**Position Title: Bilingual LCSW with substance abuse background/ and or CASAC**

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**PRINCIPAL MISSION:** UNION proposes to hire a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and or CASAC with a background in substance abuse, to provide a bridge for chronic opioid users in primary care to behavioral health and treatment programs as needed.

**PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- LCSW will assure primary care physicians identifies patients that have been high utilizers of opioid drugs for chronic non-cancer pain.
- Patients identified by primary care physicians will then be referred to the specialized LCSW for evaluation to remove any bias.
- LCSW will evaluate and screen patients utilizing DAST-10 evidence based screening tool to assess risk level.
- LCSW will counsel and refer patients to specialty treatment services as needed.
- After counseling, if patient declines referral he/she will be referred back to primary care physician by LCSW.
- LCSW will verify that the patient understands the referral process.
- LCSW will monitor patient for a maximum of 3 visits until referral is secured.
- Work directly with nursing, primary care physicians and behavioral health staff
- Conduct initial screening, evaluation and diagnosing underlying mental illness.
- Employ crisis intervention and serve as a consultant to primary care physicians and nursing staff.
- Participate in daily huddles in family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics.
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- Substance Abuse background and or CASAC
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