



Petaluma People Services Center is dedicated to improving the social and economic health of our community by providing programs that strengthen the dignity and self-sufficiency of the individual. Our core services include: Senior Services, Counseling, Youth Programing including Mentor Me, Housing, Employment and Petaluma Bounty Farms.

JOB TITLE: SAFE Crisis Intervention Specialist
FLSA STATUS: Full-Time (40 Hours/Week)
COMPENSATION: \$27-\$30
ACCOUNTABLE TO: SAFE Team Manager
APPLY BY:
SUBMIT: Cover Letter and Resume to jobs@petalumapeople.org

POSITION OVERVIEW:

In 2021, Petaluma People Services Center launched Specialized Assistance For Everyone (SAFE). SAFE is a community collaboration to address crisis response prevention and intervention for our most vulnerable community members experiencing mental health, substance abuse and/or homelessness.

Under direction, the SAFE Crisis Intervention Specialist provides community-based crisis intervention services for children and adult populations with mental health and/or substance abuse diagnoses on mobile crisis and mobile evaluation teams which includes direct client contact in the community, partnering with law enforcement, crisis intervention, field clinical assessments, outreach services, and other related duties as assigned. As part of this 24 hour, 365 days a year program, the SAFE Crisis Intervention Specialist will be partnered with a PPSC Crisis Intervention team member and respond to dispatched calls, and also patrol during the shift. The SAFE team deals with a wide range of mental health-related crisis, including conflict resolution, welfare checks, substance abuse, suicide threats, and more, relying on trauma-informed de-escalation and harm reduction techniques.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work with SAFE shifts providing outreach interventions throughout our partner jurisdictions or is dispatched by the Police Department 911.
- Assume primary responsibility for making mental health assessments of clients and for providing crisis intervention and de-escalation.
- Responds to crisis calls in the community to conduct clinical assessment, risk of harm, and determine appropriate level of care service and referrals.
- Provide field assessment, evaluation, and intervention for adults, adolescents, and children at risk of psychiatric hospitalization.
- Attend required department and clinic meetings and share in other responsibilities as relevant.
- Complete all required trainings, including defensive driver training
- Be commissioned by the cities as a Transportation Officer to perform the duties set forth, i.e., to decide whether to transport an intoxicated person to a treatment facility. In no case will SAFE transport anyone over their expressed objections.
- Complete 6-month probation period.