



# Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

## Prevention and Recovery in Early Psychosis

### Agency Overview

Founded in 1889, Family Service Agency of San Francisco is the oldest nonsectarian, nonprofit charitable social-services provider in the City and County of San Francisco. Our mission is to strengthen families by providing caring, effective, and innovative social services, with special emphasis on the needs of low-income families, children, and the elderly and disabled people, thus improving the quality of life for all San Franciscans.

### Program Description

Prevention and Recovery in Early Psychosis (PREP) is a new program at FSA that operates in partnership with the University California, San Francisco (UCSF) and the Mental Health Association (MHA). This program is dedicated to early detection of psychosis and early delivery of care with a multi-disciplinary approach to treatment. The program combines a series of evidence-based treatments in Strength-based Care Management, Medication Management, Multi-family Group Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Early psychosis, Vocational rehabilitation and Cognitive Training to address the issue early and bring the symptoms to full remediation

### Job Description

Under the direction of a licensed psychiatrist, exercises medical responsibilities for psychiatric evaluation, medication assessment and medication monitoring. Performs crisis intervention, supportive counseling and other direct mental health services, including case management, as needed. Assists with 5150 evaluations, as needed. Orders diagnostic tests, communicates medical issues with Primary Health Care provider. Maintains client caseload and clinical records in accordance with mandated standards. Directs treatment planning; and works as a member of multi-disciplinary team. Consults and provides on-going education to non-medical staff in psychopharmacology and medical aspects of patient care. Services will be provided either at FSA itself, in patients' homes, or in other field locations as needed. Additional duties as needed.

### Program Specific Responsibilities

- Responsible for psychiatric evaluation, medication assessment and medication monitoring
- Order diagnostic tests as needed
- Coordinate care with PREP treatment team at FSA and UCSF
- Coordinate and counsels client and family on medical issues
- Maintain client caseload, as designated by Associate Director
- Maintain clinical records in accordance with mandated quality assurance standards
- Attend all clinical meetings, staff meetings, supervision meetings and committee meetings when appointed
- Consult and provides on-going education to non-medical staff in psychopharmacology and medical aspects of patient care
- Possible outreach on behalf of PREP in the community

### Minimum Qualifications

- A minimum of 3 years of Nursing experience, in community mental health a plus
- Has training and experience in psychopharmacology
- Verifiable completion of training in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program

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- Current Nurse Practitioner license, and furnishing license from State of California
- Current furnishing number, or ability to obtain one within six months of employment
- Experience in working with geriatric population
- Demonstrated commitment to the welfare of individuals and families with mental/behavioral health issues
- Knowledge of principles, methods, and procedures for diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of physical and mental dysfunctions, and for career counseling and guidance
- Knowledge of the information and techniques needed to diagnose and treat human injuries, diseases and psychosis. This includes symptoms, treatment alternatives, drug properties and interactions and preventative healthcare measures
- Knowledge of human behavior and performance; individual differences in ability, personality, and interests; learning and motivation; psychological research methods; and the assessment and treatment of behavioral and affective disorders
- Complex problem solving; identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions
- Critical thinking skills; using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems
- Social perceptiveness skills; being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.
- Service orientation skills; actively looking for ways to help people
- Ability to provide strong and innovative leadership in developing and implementing programs and working effectively across the organization
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- Ability to be a team player with a welcoming attitude
- Valid California Driver's license and car
- Bi-lingual in other language/languages preferred but not required

**Additional Information**

Division: Felton Institute

Position: 40% FTE

Location: Alameda County

Reports to: Associate Director

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