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Loan Repayment Program

You may be eligible for a Workforce Education and Training (WET) payment toward your student loans up to $20,000!

There are 1 of 2 ways to qualify...

Join the team!

Newly hired (within first year of employment) public mental health professionals in Placer County may be eligible* for a payment up to $20,000 to your student loan holder. Applicant must agree to work in the Placer County public mental health system for 24 months upon signing the loan repayment agreement, if approved.

Thank you for your service!

Public mental health system (PMHS) providers (County and county-contracted provider staff) that have been working for at least 12 months in the PMHS in a direct service mental health classification may be eligible* for a payment up to $20,000 to your student loan holder. Applicant must agree to work in the Placer County PMHS in for 24 months upon signing the loan repayment agreement, if approved.

Apply by 2/27/22 at:
https://oshpd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8Jt1BS52a39kCdn

*See attached for Eligibility Criteria and how to get more information.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Central Regional Partnership Loan Repayment Program
Workforce Education and Training (WET)
January 2022

The Central Regional Partnership WET Loan Repayment Program is now open and will close February 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

A limited number of awards will be available in the public mental health system (PMHS) within Placer County. Eligible public mental health professionals in Placer County may be awarded up to $20,000 towards the repayment of educational loans.

- To complete an application, please go to the HCAI Application Portal at: https://oshpd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8Jt1BS52a39kCdn

- A Loan Repayment Program application must be submitted via the online application portal by February 27, 2022. Applications submitted after February 27, 2022, 5:00 pm PST will not be accepted.

- This program requires that eligible PMHS applicants work in a "hard-to-fill" position as defined by participating counties within the Central Region. Please refer to the **Eligibility Requirements** established to meet our critical workforce needs.

Program overview and requirements:

- The Loan Repayment Program is a financial incentive strategy that is included in the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Statewide Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan. The Central Regional Partnership, of which Placer County is included, has partnered with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to make this funding available to the Public Mental Health System workforce with the Central Region's participating counties. CalMHSA manages the program, reviews eligible applications, and generates agreements with the awardees.

- Eligible applicants must work in county-operated mental health settings or in a county-contracted, community-based mental health agency or substance use disorder treatment agency in Placer County.

- Awardees are required to work 24 months (two years) in a hard-to-fill or hard-to-retain position in the public mental health system in Placer County from the date of loan repayment agreement to be eligible for program participation. For new hire or newly hired applicants, 50% of the award amount will be distributed at the end of the first 12-months, and 50% will be distributed once the 24-month obligation has been fulfilled. For applicants that have been working for at least 12 months in the PMHS, 50% of the award amount will be distributed following agreement execution, and 50% will be distributed once the 24-month obligation has been fulfilled.

If you have any questions on the application process and requirements, contact **CalMHSA** directly at aileen.dizon@calmhsa.org. To receive the Program Guide or for eligibility questions, contact local county representative, Sue Compton, WET Coordinator, at scompton@placer.ca.gov.

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Eligibility Requirements

DIRECT CLINICAL SERVICE STAFF	
Work Hours & Location Must work a minimum of 32 hours per week in an eligible county-operated public mental health setting or a county-contracted, community-based mental health agency in Placer County. Psychiatrists must work a minimum of 20 hours per week in a public mental health program in Placer County. **Total Weekly Hours of Direct Clinical Service**[1] Must provide a minimum of 20 hours of direct service per week. Part-time psychiatrists are exempt from the minimum 20-hour direct service requirement.	
AND AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:	
Providers who are bilingual in one of the Central Regional Partnership's threshold languages and/or who represent the ethnically and culturally diverse communities served.	• Bilingual in Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Tagalog, Farsi, or Vietnamese *and/or* • Have lived experience as a mental health consumer/family member or represent a culturally or ethnically diverse community
OR	
Providers in hard-to- fill/retain positions, or those who possess experience or expertise in hard-to- fill/retain skill sets.[2]	• Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners • Clinical psychiatric pharmacist • Psychiatrists, especially child psychiatrists • Providers with integrated primary care/behavioral health care experience/expertise • Providers who work in programs delivering services to: 1. Older adults 2. Transitional age youth 3. LGBTQI2-S 4. Youth in the juvenile justice system 5. Clients with forensic mental health services

Update 01/27/21: Supervisors who oversee eligible professions in public mental health settings may apply if they meet eligibility requirements *except for 20 hours of direct service per week*.

[1] Direct Service is defined as: services that generate units of service, opening or closing cases, crisis intervention, assessments, individual /family/group therapy, rehabilitation services, medication evaluation/consultation, integrated behavioral and EBP interventions.

[2] To receive credit, your will be asked clearly to identify your qualifying program, job functions and direct service hours on a later issued "Employment Verification," in the Program Guide Loan Repayment section.

Eligible Professions

Eligible provider roles for the program are:

• Licensed Clinical Social Worker	• Associate Professional Clinical Counselor
• Associate Clinical Social Worker	• Licensed Psychiatrist
• Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	• Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
• Associate Marriage and Family Therapist	• Licensed Clinical Psychiatric Pharmacist
• Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor	*Applicable Placer County HHS job classifications: Client Services Practitioner I, II, Senior and Psychiatrist Board Eligible, Psychiatrist Board Certified*

Resource Links

HCAI WET Central Application
https://oshpd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8Jt1BS52a39kCdn

Placer County Campaign for Community Wellness
https://www.placerccw.org/news-updates/

Contact Information

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