

ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (AOT)/KENDRA'S LAW

AOT INVESTIGATOR

All Independent Contractors hired by the Oneida County Department of Mental Health (OCDMH) as part-time Consultants to serve as an AOT Investigator are Professional Staff as defined by the **State of New York Official Compilation of Codes, Rules & Regulations §587.4** (see nysomh.com).

Professional Staff are licensed practitioners qualified by credentials, training and experience to provide supervision and direct service related to the treatment of mental illness. **The following titles will be given special preference:**

1. *Social worker* is an individual who is either currently licensed as a licensed master social worker or as a licensed clinical social worker by the New York State Education Department or has a master's degree in social work from a program approved by the New York State Education Department.
2. *Registered professional nurse* is an individual who is currently licensed as a registered nurse by the New York State Education Department.
3. *Psychologist* is an individual who is currently licensed as a psychologist by the New York State Education Department. Individuals who have obtained at least a master's degree in psychology qualify for this title.

Other professional disciplines may be included as Professional Staff when individuals in such disciplines have specified training or experience in the treatment of individuals diagnosed with mental illness.

Duties and responsibilities shall include:

- Direct contact with AOT Respondent within 72 hours
- Review of all available and accessible case record documentation
- Contact with all key stakeholders, including family, collaterals and treatment team members
- Summarize Respondent's mental health history
- Complete mental status exam and risk assessment
- Outline treatment team recommendations and his/her own recommendations vis-à-vis most appropriate level of follow up, and services required
- Prepare AOT Evaluation Report in full and submit to OCDMH Director of Mental Health in a timely manner
- Complete referral(s) for services, as needed
- Ongoing case consultation with OCDMH Director of Mental Health Services

The rate of pay for this position is \$30.00 per hour. All Independent Contractors hired as part-time Consultants for this position will receive no County benefits or entitlements.

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