



Stanislaus County
now offers an employee
bonus worth up to
**\$10,000 or 21
additional days of
leave time!***

**See inside for details*

Behavioral Health Specialist I/II (Mental Health)

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

\$54,870 - \$76,252 Annually

Apply by October 22nd, 2025



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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is committed to behavioral health principles that are responsive to both mental health services and substance use disorder services. Our scope of services includes, but is not limited to, inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services, substance use disorder services, behavioral education and prevention, public guardian functions and advocacy. We offer these services throughout Stanislaus County at Behavioral Health and Recovery Services managed sites and partner with community agencies, as well as other County departments.

THE POSITION

Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Behavioral Health Specialist I/II. The entry-level position performs under supervision while the experienced, journey-level position performs with much greater independence. Applicants who have lived experience as a consumer of Behavioral Health & Recovery Services or a family member of a loved one who is/was a consumer of Behavioral Health & Recovery Services are encouraged to apply.

This position provides a variety of para-professional counseling services to members, recommends appropriate referrals, maintains community liaisons to ensure adequate services are made available to members, provides facilitation for a variety of member-focused specialty groups, and as part of the treatment team, establishes and implements treatment plans. Behavioral Health Specialists work under supervision and may be assigned to regional teams, residential or inpatient facilities, various outpatient programs, and perform field visits to those under care.

This recruitment is being conducted to fill vacancies for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and establish an eligibility list to fill future Full-Time, Part-Time, Extra Help and On-Call vacancies.

Stanislaus County adheres to all Public Health Orders and is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment. To view the current Public Health orders, please visit the California Department of Public Health website [here](#) for more information.

*To learn more about the
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
department, scan the QR code*



SPECIALIZATIONS

Incumbents in the Behavioral Health Specialist (BHS) classification may be appointed to specialize in the Mental Health (MH) area. While the primary focus of incumbents will require unique typical tasks and specific abilities as indicated.

Under supervision, the Behavioral Health Specialist provides a variety of services to members, recommends appropriate referrals, maintains community liaisons to ensure adequate services are made available to members, and provides facilitation for a variety of member-focused specialty groups. As part of the treatment team, the incumbent will establish and implement member care plans that are member or family member-driven, culturally competent, and promote wellness, recovery, and resilience. These positions support the community in MH prevention services and supportive services, which includes housing, employment and peer supports.

Behavioral Health Specialists may be assigned to residential facilities, regional teams, various outpatient programs and community-based prevention programs. Incumbents may perform field visits to those under care and perform related duties as assigned.

State of California - Health and Human Services Agency, California Code of Regulations requires:

- Individuals providing peer support services within an approved DMC-ODS and/or the SMHS delivery system licensed and/or certified by DHCS be registered to obtain certification as a Peer Support Specialist with one of the certifying organizations currently approved by DHCS.

**STANISLAUS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES
WORKS TOGETHER TO CREATE A MORE INCLUSIVE FUTURE!**

*Scan the QR code to see our video celebrating
Cultural Diversity and Inclusion week with BHRS staff.*



THE TYPICAL TASKS

- Provide a variety of highly skilled mental health, SUD and supportive services to a varied caseload of members.
- Provide Deputy Public Conservator services.
- Develop curriculum on various health topics; facilitate MH, SUD and support groups.
- Accompany members in court, and/or transport members in County vehicles.
- According to department standards and policies, prepare daily records, summarize progress of treatment for members and keep these records current.
- Act as a lead worker or directs the work of others and offers training when needed.
- Advocate for and assist members in accessing and receiving services.
- Communicate with various BHRS departments and other agencies; Build partnerships for positive and healthy youth development.
- Consult with other agencies, law enforcement and community service providers for coordination or care, identify services, and discuss referrals.
- Engage community members and local agency partners in planning and coalition development.
- Engage in compliant and ethical behavior in accordance with County and BHRS policy.
- Facilitate the admission/discharge of members to the County's acute psychiatric hospital or substance use disorder residential treatment programs when necessary.
- Formulate specific health education program objectives from broad program goals, assess education and training needs through formal and informal means, and design programs and information to reduce substance misuse and abuse.
- Interact productively within a multidisciplinary team to provide holistic case management services.
- Meet regularly with members and coach them in developing age-appropriate social skills;
- Assist in establishing members' eligibility for Medi-Cal or other benefits and advocate for continuation of benefits.
- Participate in diagnostic and evaluative staff conferences for cooperative planning and treatment.
- Interview members to screen, and determine their service needs, including evaluating risk factors; Provide case coordination and treatment planning and evaluation.
- Speak to public and/or agency groups to provide education that reduces stigma.
- Support MH/SUD program compliance with BHRS, State, & Federal regulations, reviews and corrective actions by reviewing, monitoring, tracking, etc.
- Support MH/SUD quality services program with BHRS, State, & Federal standards and requirements.

*For the full job description,
including **minimum qualifications**,
scan the QR Codes:*

BHS I

MH

SUD



BHS II

MH

SUD



EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST I

PATTERN I

- Fifteen (15) units of college credit* in a related field; AND
- Four (4) years experience in crisis intervention, group/family/individual counseling or in a psychiatric inpatient setting or drug/alcohol treatment and recovery program.

PATTERN II

- LVN or Psychiatric Technician license or 30 units of college credit* in a related field; AND
- Three (3) years experience in crisis intervention, group/family/individual counseling, or a psychiatric inpatient setting or drug/alcohol treatment and recovery program.

PATTERN III

- Bachelors of Arts degree in a related field; AND
- Two (2) years responsible experience in crisis intervention, group/family/individual counseling, or a psychiatric inpatient setting or drug/alcohol treatment and recovery program.

PATTERN IV

- Master's degree in a related field such as Counseling, Psychology or Social Work.

*California Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (CAADAC) and/or National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) hours can be considered in meeting this educational requirement.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST II

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE PATTERNS

- One (1) year of experience as a Behavioral Health Specialist I, or the equivalent, in order to qualify for the Behavioral Health Specialist II level; AND
- BLS CPR for Healthcare Providers.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the minimum qualifications, applicant screening will focus on the following desirable qualifications. Please list any of these qualifications you may have within the "Duties" section of the online application.

- Current or previous consumer of service(s) through Behavioral Health and Recovery Services; OR
- An immediate family member of an individual who previously or currently receives services through Behavioral Health and Recovery Services; OR
- Individuals/family members who have lived experience with a severe mental health diagnosis or substance use disorder

Proof of education is required for verification purposes at the time of application. Applicants who are unable to submit proof of education must call (209) 525-7339 to make other arrangements before 5:00 pm on the final filing date. Failure to submit proof or make other arrangements before the final filing date deadline will result in disqualification.



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JOIN OUR TEAM and receive a bonus worth UP TO \$10,000!

or 21 additional days of leave time!*

*EMPLOYEE CHOICE BONUS PLAN ALLOWS ELIGIBLE NEW EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE A BONUS WORTH \$5,000 - \$10,000 OVER THREE ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS

YOU CHOOSE: One month's worth of

Scan the QR code with a camera
app to watch the Employee Choice
Bonus Plan video!



Cash Payout

Redo that kitchen
or paydown debt.

It's all yours.



Leave Time

Take a little extra time
off and enjoy yourself.

You've earned it.



Deferred Compensation

Reduce some taxable
income and receive it later.

Why not?



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Employee Choice Bonus Plan

UNDERSTANDING THE DETAILS



JOIN OUR TEAM BY JUNE 30TH, 2026 TO BE ELIGIBLE!

The following Employee Choice Bonus Plan is designed to allow those hired full-time on or before June 30, 2026, to choose one of the three bonus incentive options (one-time option, non-revocable) they would like to receive:



Option 1 **BONUS** **CASH PAYMENT**

(Default if employee declines to make a choice)

- One month of salary (168 hours) paid in cash over three annual installments at the highest step or top of band of the classification held by the employee at each vesting date.
- Minimum amount of each payment will be \$1,666.67 and a maximum payment of \$3,333.37 (base hourly rate of pay for the classification multiplied by 56). The amount of each payment may change depending upon an employee's individual circumstances.
- Total minimum amount received will be \$5,000.01 and maximum will be \$10,000.02 paid over three installments.
- Applicable taxes will be applied and withheld.



Option 2 **BONUS** **LEAVE TIME**

- 168 hours of bonus leave time allocated within three annual installments.
- Bonus Leave Time would be administered in the same capacity as standard vacation including compensation rate, request and approval, and reporting expectations.
- Bonus Leave Time will have no cash value and cannot be cashed out at resignation, termination, or retirement.
- Must use the bonus leave time prior to the expiration date, as there is no carry over after the bonus leave time expires.



Option 3 **BONUS DEFERRED** **COMPENSATION** **CONTRIBUTION**

- One month of salary (168 hours) paid over three annual installments into the employee's Nationwide Deferred Compensation account at the highest step or top of band of classification held by the employee at each vesting date.
- Minimum amount of each payment will be \$1,666.67 and a maximum payment of \$3,333.37 (base hourly rate of pay for the classification multiplied by 56). The amount of each payment may change depending upon an employee's individual circumstances.
- Total minimum amount received will be \$5,000.01 and maximum will be \$10,000.02 paid over three installments.
- Applicable taxes will be applied and withheld.

Eligibility for Employee Choice Bonus Plan



- To receive each payment, you must be hired as a new full-time employee, and be active both on the vesting date and during the pay period in which the payment is issued.
- Full-time employees on an unprotected unpaid leave on the vesting date are ineligible for that specific payment.
- Employees that separate from full-time service prior to a vesting date will no longer be eligible for that specific payment.
- Employees that receive one or two payments, separate from full-time service and then return to full-time service are excluded from eligibility to receive further payments of any kind.
- Employees that leave full-time service prior to receiving any payments, and then return to full-time service on or before June 30, 2026, are eligible to receive future payments in accordance with their new hire date.



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COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

Approximate Annual Base Salary:
\$54,870-\$76,252 Annually

The County of Stanislaus provides a competitive and comprehensive benefits package for regular full-time County employees including:

- Excellent retirement benefits (2% at approximately age 62 formula)
- Medical, dental, vision, and basic term life insurance plans
- Two weeks annual vacation upon entering County service
- 16 additional vacation hours annually
- 96 hours of sick leave annually
- 12 paid holidays annually
- Optional participation in Flexible Spending Account programs
- Optional Supplemental Life & AD&D insurance plans
- Employee Assistance Program

Details available upon request.

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES:

Employee Choice Bonus Plan:

Stanislaus County now offers an employee bonus worth up to \$10,000 or 21 additional days of leave time! Visit stanjobs.org for details.

Career Ladders:

We offer valuable tools to help plan your career with Stanislaus County. Find ways to grow and develop within the organization— from Accounting to Public Safety to IT.

Learning Institute:

Whether you're a new employee or looking to acquire new skills, our Learning Institute offers a chance to take on new challenges and ways to consistently hone and improve skills.

WELLNESS BENEFITS

The Mission of Club Wellness is to facilitate and encourage the "good health" of the county workforce.

"Good health" is a state of complete physical, social and mental well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity; health is a resource for everyday life, not the object of living, and is a positive concept emphasizing social and personal resources as well as physical capabilities. The program seeks to increase awareness and knowledge of all employee benefits, nurture a team spirit and positive health behaviors, to motivate employees to adopt healthier habits and to provide opportunities and a supportive environment to create positive lifestyle changes.



CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

Unless otherwise provided, this position is part of Classified Service of the County and is assigned to the Community and Health Services bargaining unit for labor relations purposes.

Individuals who are in a full-time classification position are required to serve a twelve-month probationary period, which may be extended an additional six months, for a total of eighteen months. Incumbents may also be subject to overtime, standby, callback, weekend, holiday and shift assignments as identified in their MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). Incumbents may also be subject to overtime, standby, callback, weekend, holiday and shift assignments as identified in their MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).

The Job Task Analysis provides information detailing the physical and functional demands of the classification. For the complete job task analysis, visit the Risk Management website at <http://www.stancounty.com/riskmgmt/> under the "Disability" tab.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES/FINAL FILING DATE: Apply by October 22nd, 2025.

Oral Examinations are tentatively scheduled for the week of October 27th, 2025.

Note: The eligible list generated from this recruitment may be used to fill future extra-help, part-time and full-time vacancies throughout Stanislaus County.

Applications cannot be submitted later than 5:00 p.m. on the final filing date. Make your online application as complete as possible so a full and realistic appraisal may be made of your qualifications.

Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed application.

Attaching your resume and cover letter are an optional feature for those who wish to do so in addition to completing the required application. Information on your resume and cover letter will not substitute for the education, work experience and required fields on the County application. The online County application is the primary tool used to evaluate your job qualifications.

RECRUITMENT ACCOMMODATIONS

Arrangements may be made to accommodate disabilities and religious convictions. Applicants requiring testing accommodations are required to complete and submit the Testing Accommodations Request Form prior to the test administration date. Special arrangements for religious convictions should be included in the "Additional Information" section of the application form.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Pass County-paid pre-employment job-related background investigation.
- Perform job duties in a manner assuring a safe working environment for oneself and others.
- Maintain confidential information according to the legal standards and/or County regulations as required.
- Some positions may be required to possess and maintain a valid California Driver's License and meet County insurability requirements.

APPLICATION AND/OR EXAMINATION APPEAL RIGHTS

Application and/or examination results may be appealed by applicants presenting facts alleging irregularity, fraud and/or error in application screening or in exam scoring. Appeals must be in writing and submitted to the Chief Executive Officer within seven (7) days after the examination results are mailed.

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