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CDCR, CCHCS Enhance Services in California Prisons Through New Classifications for Mental Health Professionals

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS), in partnership with the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR), are proud to announce the State Personnel Board's (SPB) establishment of a new series for mental health professionals: Clinical Counselor, Clinical Counselor Supervisor I, Clinical Counselor Supervisor II, Marriage and Family Therapist, Marriage and Family Therapist Supervisor I, and Marriage and Family Therapist Supervisor II.

This important step expands CDCR and CCHCS's ability to recruit highly skilled mental health professionals across California to meet the growing needs of the incarcerated population. By offering these new classifications, CDCR and CCHCS aim to provide enhanced mental health services, reduce recidivism through therapeutic interventions, and improve overall health outcomes for individuals in state custody.

"Expanding our mental health workforce is critical to ensuring the well-being of our population and creating pathways for rehabilitation," said Dr. Diana Toche, Undersecretary, Health Care Services, CDCR/CCHCS. "The creation of these new classifications demonstrates our commitment to building a stronger, more comprehensive system of care and reflects the value we place on mental health clinicians as essential partners in this effort."

The new series provides qualified candidates the opportunity to join a multidisciplinary team dedicated to delivering high-quality care to some of California's most vulnerable individuals. These valued mental health clinicians will play a pivotal role in addressing the complex needs of incarcerated individuals, including trauma, substance use disorders, and family reintegration.

CDCR and CCHCS remain committed to recruiting diverse and talented professionals who are passionate about making a difference in correctional health care. Details about the new classifications and the examination process can be found at <https://calcareers.ca.gov/CalHRPublic/Search/ExamSearch.aspx>

For more information on career opportunities with CDCR and CCHCS, please visit cchcs.ca.gov/careers and cdcr.ca.gov/careers/

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About CDCR and CCHCS

The CDCR and CCHCS are dedicated to providing quality health care services to incarcerated individuals while promoting rehabilitation and public safety.