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Advocates CR-TTAC News

— 2021

Feature Story:

Meet Our Team— meet a member of our team each month:

Over the past few months, through Covid Corner, we shared reflections that offered a sense of who some of our team members are and how they are coping with doing this work in a pandemic. Now, we would like to take the opportunity to introduce you to the **Advocates JDP** team.

To provide a meaningful introduction, we created some guiding questions for staff to answer. This month, we are introducing you to **Taylor Hayden**, MA. Taylor is the Co-Response Jail Diversion Clinician for Hudson and Sudbury.

Meet Taylor Hayden:

What brought you to your role at Advocates?

I first learned about the Jail Diversion co-response model from a police partner who spoke highly of the program. After meeting with members of the leadership team and hearing their enthusiasm, I knew I wanted to be a part of establishing a co-response model for my current departments. After previously working in a behavioral health setting, my hope was to meet with individuals in crisis in a real-time capacity.

What is challenging about your job?

The most challenging aspect of my job has been managing unpredictable scenarios. No two days are the same and the role often requires a fast pace. Although challenging, this is what makes the job so interesting and rewarding.

What encourages you to stay in your position?

Working as a co-response clinician allows a unique opportunity to provide empathetic support to individuals in the midst of crisis situations. The role is rewarding and offers a sense of fulfillment. I feel fortunate to work alongside police who see the value in providing clinical support for members of the community.

Join Our Team



Independent, Motivated, & Enthusiastic Professionals Wanted

Advocates promotes a healthy work-life balance and offers many generous perks of employment and room for advancement. We are a strong-knit community that values the ideas and contributions of our staff.

Our Co-Response Jail Diversion Team is expanding rapidly and we want you to join us!

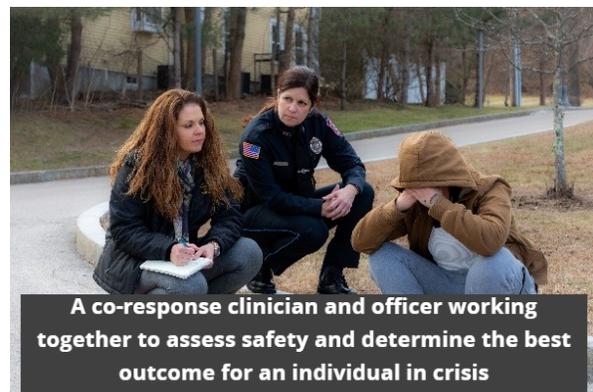
The Jail Diversion Social Worker works in conjunction with the designated police department (s) to provide psychiatric and substance use evaluations to individuals who encounter the police while in crisis.

Do you...

- **Have a Master' Degree in counseling or a related field?**
- **Have a minimum of 2 years of experience in crisis intervention?**
- **Like a fast-paced work environment?**

If so, please email Assistant Program Director **Jenelle Main, LMHC** at

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A co-response clinician and officer working together to assess safety and determine the best outcome for an individual in crisis

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Public Safety Trainings

MHFA is an 8-hour evidence-based curriculum as specified in the IACP One Mind campaign.

****Please note**
Certification requires active class participation!**

We are offering our co-taught (police officer & clinician) FREE 8-hour MHFA for Public Safety trainings for law enforcement.

Classes are valued by the National Council for Behavioral Health at \$170 per participant; thanks to Department of Mental Health funding, we are offering this class **free** of charge.

To register:

please contact **Katelyn Dehey, LMHC**, our Training and Technical Assistance Center Manager at KDehey@Advocates.org.

New classes are starting soon!

Follow our training calendar [here](#).

Upcoming Course Dates:



Training Location:
Registration Open for:

Southborough Location

October 20, 2021
from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hudson PD
November 17, 2021
from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

