

# Certified Substance Abuse Counselor I

**Reports To:** Substance Abuse Program Director

**Location:** Yreka Community

**Salary:** \$14.00 to \$17.00 per hour, depending on experience

**Summary:** The mission of the Karuk Tribe's Substance Abuse Program is *"to provide culturally sensitive services to Native Americans and their families as well as other people living in the communities we serve."* The Certified Substance Abuse Counselor shall be responsible for providing a full range of drug/alcohol treatment, prevention and aftercare recovery services for clients and their families as needed. The Counselor shall identify trends, problems, and needs for service in the Karuk communities and shall collect and analyze data for organizational improvement. The Counselor shall carry out their duties with professional and personal integrity while being a team member, providing continuity of care in compliance with JCAHO/AAHC standards.

**1) What are your typical job responsibilities?**

Drug/Alcohol Counselor, implementation of the DUI Program, signing clients up for the AAIR Program if they qualify.

**2) How do you *really* spend your day?**

All of the above.

**3) How do you organize your day to ensure you get everything done?**

My appointment book!

**4) What education/career paths lead you to this position? Were there any life changes that guided your way to this position (ex; closing of the mill, desire not to leave area, family)?**

Family members involved in alcohol and drugs, and wanting to help people that want the help to stay clean and sober.

**5) Uppers; what is the thing that you love most about your job?**

Reaching out and providing services to all the clients I see, and if I am unable to provide those services, finding out what is available within our community to help provide additional services.

**6) Downers; what is the thing that you love least about your job?**

Paperwork, but who doesn't?

**7) What inspires, excites, and/or motivates you in your job?**

Helping people of all ages!

**8) What does your average work week schedule look like (ex; hours worked, meetings, appointments, traveling, etc.)?**

40 plus hours.

**9) How do you relieve stress?**

Exercise and running.

**10) Does your job include a lot of traveling? Do you enjoy it?**

Somewhat, and yes.

**11) What advice would you give to someone interested in this line of work?**

Making sure to schedule time out for yourself and family.

**12) What does *a typical day in your world* look like?**

Busy!