

Far West Family Services EAP

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Dear Counselor,

Thank you for your interest in EAP work with Far West Family Services. I want to tell you a little about us and our procedure for joining our small, handpicked network of counselors.

Far West Family Services has been serving school district personnel almost exclusively for over 40 years. Most of our clients are seen in our own agency offices in Lynnwood, South Everett, the University District (Seattle) and Tukwila. However, some clients request a counselor closer to their home, so we try to accommodate those requests by using the private offices of "Affiliate counselors." This may result in only one to five client referrals per year. We are in need of counselors in Bellevue, Renton (child therapist), Woodinville, Kenmore, Bothell, Everett, Lake Stevens, and Snohomish.) We also welcome telehealth counselors.

Licensing: Affiliates need to be fully licensed to join this panel. If you are an Associate, please contact us for other options with Far West.

Clientele: The work we do is very family oriented; we work a lot with couples, children and adolescents. Of course, we see a lot of individuals as well, mainly adult women. We are especially in need of male counselors, counselors of color, and child therapists at this time.

Compensation: I am sure you are wondering about the per client rate we pay. I want to preface this by saying that we work very hard to keep the EAP costs for school districts as low as possible. Many districts have low budgets for their EAP programs. However, our therapists seem to really enjoy working with Far West because we keep our paperwork to a minimum, our billing is very simple, we have a motivated and interesting clientele (school district employees), and we are also a small organization that enjoys a personal relationship with our therapists and clients. You would also be helping a very overworked and underpaid group of hard-working educators who are striving to prepare our children for the future. We've had many teachers tell us they couldn't have made it in the profession without Far West. Please contact the office for our current rates.

Insurance: We also prefer to contract with counselors who are on the district insurance panels so clients can continue you with you using their insurance after they have used their sessions. Most of our districts provide 8 counseling sessions per year; one district provides only 4. The insurance providers used by our districts are Premera, Regence, and Kaiser.

Please go to our website to learn more about us: www.farwestfamilyservices.com.

If you wish to move forward, please fill out the application and fax or email back to me. Also, please call me or tell me a good time to call you so we can chat about our services.

Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,
Diana Nielsen
General Manager
Far West Family Services