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| U.S. Department of LaborEmployment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship (OA) Washington, D.C. 20210 | Distribution:A-541 HdqtrsA-544 All Field TechA-547 SD+RD+SAA+; Lab.Com | Subject: Revision to an existing Apprenticeable Occupation: Behavioral Health Aide (Existing Title: Counselor)Code: 200.1  |
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| **PURPOSE:** To inform the staff of OA, State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAA), Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors, and other Registered Apprenticeship partners of a revision to an existing apprenticeable occupation:  Behavioral Health Aide  (Existing Title: Counselor) O\*NET-SOC Code: 29-2053.00  RAPIDS Code 2.0: 0569CB Type of Training: Competency-based **BACKGROUND:** Mr. John P. Hakala, Alaska State Director on behalf of Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium submitted the following occupation: Behavioral Health Aide (Existing Title: Counselor) for apprenticeability determination for a revision to the type of training and the term.The revision of Behavioral Health Aide (Existing Title: Counselor) has added a newly available apprenticeship training approach – competency-based. A Behavioral Health Aide (BHA) is a counselor, health educator, and advocate, trained to provide a wide range of prevention, intervention, and postvention services to address individual, family, and community-based behavioral health needs. BHAs primarily serve rural and underserved populations experiencing behavioral health problems related to alcohol, drug, and tobacco abuse as well as mental health problems such as grief, depression, suicide, and unhealthy relationships. BHAs are supervised by a master’s level clinician and trained to evaluate client needs and provide services that integrate cultural knowledge with specialized clinical training.Behavioral Health Aide (Existing Title: Counselor) will be added to the list of occupations as a competency-based occupation by OA when the list is reissued. A suggested Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outlines are attached.If you have any questions, please, contact Kirk Jefferson, Apprenticeship and Training Representative at (202) 693-3399.**ACTION:** OA staff should familiarize themselves with this bulletin and the attached Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline, as a source for developing apprenticeship standards and/or providing technical assistance.**NOTE:** This bulletin is being sent via electronic mail.Attachments  |