



Presbyterian Children'sSM
Homes and Services
of Texas and Louisiana

Child and Family Specialist

Fort Worth, Texas

The Child and Family Specialist (C&F) provides strength based, family focused, Christian child and family services to clients; works with and facilitate Child and Family Program ministry within Presbyterian churches; participate with the PCHAS Development officers in development efforts as requested; nurture, develop, and organize community resources.

Core Responsibilities:

- To be knowledgeable of local needs and available services to children and families in the community.
- To publicize PCHAS presence; serve as a professional liaison with the local social service community; & speak to church and community groups when requested.
- To work with Presbyterian churches in program promotion, assist development efforts, and utilize and support volunteers and mentors, as needed.
- To receive referrals and maintain a caseload of 12-16 families, make home visits, conduct need assessments, develop a plan of service that is culturally sensitive and promotes self-determination for the family. Explore and facilitate referrals as appropriate to the needs and abilities of the family.
- To provide parenting or other skill based classes for families as appropriate
- To practice with a family centered, strength focused and goal driven approach while utilizing the PCHAS way.
- To assist and encourage families to advocate and coordinate all available services for themselves with the overall goal of achieving self-sufficiency.
- To coordinate services for children and their families according to the service plan and best practices standards.
- To consistently reevaluate the plan of service as goals are accomplished/and or changed.
- To maintain documentation in the case record and complete necessary reports in a timely manner.
- To collaborate, communicate, and organize with community partners in order to provide the best possible resources for children and their families.
- To participate in linkages by referring and accepting referrals with other PCHAS programs in an effort to promote internal and wrap around services.
- To attend Regional and PCHAS agency meetings, participate in quality assurance teams as assigned and travel for training as needed.
- To receive direct supervision from the Child and Family Supervisor and participate in individual and group supervision as scheduled while working cooperatively as a team member of PCHAS.
- To receive leadership, guidance and service type training from the Child and Family Service type Coordinator and Organizational Impact staff and participate cooperatively in communication, meetings and trainings as arranged.
- To perform other duties as assigned.

Working Conditions:

Most offices are provided in Presbyterian churches with normal office equipment (computer, cell phone, fax, copier, etc...). Much of the work is spent outside the office doing home visits, face to face contact with clients, networking, agency relations. Reliable transportation is a necessity and overnight trips will occur occasionally be necessary for training, quality assurance and regional meetings.

Job Requirements:

- LMSW, LPC, or its equivalent.
- A minimum of 3 years experience working with children and adolescents. Clinical experience with children and families would be helpful.
- Experience or discernible high aptitude in working with church groups and agencies.
- A good listener and a good communicator both verbally and in writing.
- Experience working in the child welfare system.
- Extensive knowledge of local area social services.
- Bilingual

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