YMCA International Services is a unique branch of the Y of Greater Houston and seeks to meet the needs of Houston’s significant refugee and immigrant communities. We provide comprehensive programs that focus on building human assets and fostering self-sufficiency. YMCA International Services seeks a full-time Bilingual Family Support Specialist to work with USCRI’s Nuevo Comienzo Immigrant Children’s Program, to provide Home Study (HS) and Post Release Services (PRS) for Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC). Duties /Responsibilities Family Support Case Specialist primary responsibilities include: 

- Conduct time-sensitive and thorough home study assessments for potential placements for UC, including background interviews, home assessment, and case analysis. 
- Provide culturally and linguistically appropriate post placement services and comprehensive case management for UC; 
- Carry a case minimum caseload of 25 PRS cases, or at least 3 home studies with 20 PRS cases; 
- Conduct brief interventions to help families address crises and manage conflict, as needed; 
- Complete individualized needs assessments with UC and sponsor, and develop case plans with particular attention to culture, language, and special circumstances; 
- Maintain a high standard of record-keeping according to USCRI and ORR policies and procedures; 
- Provide information, education, referrals, outreach, advocacy, and support to ensure that each child receives the services they require; 
- Assess the safety and appropriateness of the placement on an ongoing basis using child welfare principles and social work best practices through phone/video calls, interviews, and home visits; 
- Build a network of local pro bono legal resources and service providers to facilitate access for UC and sponsors, and track individual progress; 
- Coordinate and maintain communication with key stakeholders; 
- Participate in regular training and communication sessions with supervisor and headquarters staff; and

**Job Location**

Houston, TX

**Salary Range**

50,000

**Qualifications**

- Masters of Social Work, a behavioral science, or social services field, with at least two years’ progressive experience in the fields listed above; 
- or a Bachelor’s degree in social work, a behavioral science, or social services field with a minimum of three years’ progressive experience in the fields listed above; 
- Experience in child welfare, child placements, family preservation and social service provision is desired; 
- Must be skilled at writing professional, thorough assessment reports; 
- Must possess an extensive knowledge of immigrant community local resources; 
- Excellent organizational, verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills, and ability to prioritize duties in a fast-paced environment; 
- Must have a valid driver's license, insurance, a clean driving record, and personal transportation; 
- Position requires up to 50 percent long distance travel with limited notice; 
- Position is remote and the candidate must have an appropriate workspace to complete documentation, client phone calls, and video conferencing; 
- Fluency in Spanish is required; proficiency in additional languages a plus; 
- Candidate must demonstrate a commitment to comply with mandatory
- State reporting requirement for child abuse and neglect;
- Candidate must have dedication to the human rights of refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers and displaced people;
- Candidate must pass a criminal background check that includes past history of conviction of child and sexual abuse;
- Possess or be able to obtain CPR and basic first aid certification.

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