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Job Title	Home Study & Post Release Services Caseworker (Level 2)
Employer/ Agency	Church World Service
Job Description	Job Summary: The Home Study and Post Release Services Caseworker (HS and PRS Caseworker) in Houston, TX will provide collaborative home study services to Unaccompanied Immigrant Children's sponsors to support the safe and timely release of Unaccompanied Children (UC) from Federal care. In addition, the HS and PRS Caseworker will provide therapeutic, strengths-based, and culturally and linguistically appropriate case management services to children post release from Federal care in the community where their sponsor resides. Caseworkers will conduct outreach and education to community service providers to supplement existing services that do not adequately address unique needs of immigrant children.
	Responsibilities Home Study
	 Conduct in-person home visits to interview and provide psychoeducation to Sponsors. Complete reports within 10 days of receiving Home Study referral with assessment information and findings. Post Release Services
	 Conduct in-person home visits with children and sponsors post-release from federal care. Conduct child centered needs assessments. Develop individualized strength-based goal-oriented service plans. Coordinate referrals in relevant service need areas such as legal, education, medical, mental health; Support immigrant children and sponsor with enrollment and access of services in community. Provide psychoeducation to children and Sponsor on relevant topics. Support children and sponsor to cope with family reunification stressors. Monitor progress of goal completion. Monitor the safety and well-being of children including but not limited to indications of trafficking and abuse and neglect. Serve as a mandated reporter and work with child welfare as needed. Network and develop partnerships within the local community to educate providers on children's needs and to reinforce/increase partnerships in relevant areas. Write case notes; enter data; complete reports in a time sensitive manner. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- At least 1 year of experience working with children and youth, family reunification/preservation, and or foster care/child welfare and previous work experience and interest working with foreign born populations is required.
- The ability to provide trauma-informed psychosocial education and case management is required.

Skills

- Demonstrated skills in customer service, communication, and ability to engage children and families by phone and online platforms.
- Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with a variety of individuals.
- Schedule and manage workloads to meet deadlines.
- Manage time effectively and prioritize tasks.
- Ability to use Microsoft applications and client databases.
- Superior written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment required.
- Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and willingness to support CWS' Platform on Racial Justice as a CWS employee required.

Education & Certifications

 Minimum education of a bachelor's degree in social work (BSW) or an equivalent degree in education, psychology, sociology, or other behavioral science.

Special Requirements

- Spanish fluency (verbal and written) required
- Valid Driver's license
- Personal vehicle and insurance
- Willing to travel locally and long distance (by car and plane) to visit clients in their home and the community
- If remote, must have access to reliable internet and proximity to airport for travel as assigned
- Program requires FBI background check, child abuse/neglect check, Motor Vehicle Records check and Prison Rape Elimination Act check
- Standard work hours with occasional evening/weekend availability as assigned

Salary/Hours

Minimum Salary: \$52,800 Maximum Salary: \$66,000

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City, State, Zip	Houston, TX
Application Method	Apply Here: https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/home-study-post-release-services-caseworker-level-2-at-church-world-service-3808822185
Opening Date	Immediately

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