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**University of Houston  
Graduate College of Social Work  
JOB OPPORTUNITY POSTING**

**Job Title:** Research Associate/ Youth Linkage to Care Specialist

**Employer/Agency:** Connect to Protect-Baylor College of Medicine

**Job Description:** The Research Associate will act as the Youth Linkage to Care (YLTC) Specialist who will be responsible for linking youth (12-24 years old) who test positive for HIV in Houston directly into appropriate medical care and other services. The specialist will also work within the Connect to Protect coalition to identify and change structural or systemic issues related to youth linkage to care in Houston.

This position is grant funded on a probationary status for one year with the possibility of extension based on fulfillment of initial program requirements. The position may include non-traditional hours in addition to desk work, travel within the Houston Metropolitan Area and some domestic travel is required.

**Qualifications:** Required: A bachelor's degree in social work or related curriculum is required, but a master's degree, especially in social work, is strongly preferred. A Bachelor's degree and two years of directly related experience is considered 'equivalent' to a Master's degree. A minimum of 1-2 years of case management experience working with HIV -infected youth, young adults, LGBTQ individuals and/or persons with a history of mental illness, homelessness or chemical dependence is expected. Two years of related experience. Prefer certification in HIV counseling, testing and referral services (CTR) by the State of Texas.

This position requires a unique mix of case management experience and "big picture" thinking. It involves operating effectively within an existing system while trying to identify problems with the system that need to be changed, then working with a coalition to make those changes.

Preference will go to candidates with health disparities research experience, a history of community activism, outreach, patient education and/or crisis intervention experience.

**Salary/Hours:** Up to \$55,000

**Employer/Agency:** Department of Pediatrics-Retrovirology  
Baylor College of Medicine

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**Application Method:** Apply online at:  
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**Opening Date:** Immediate

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