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**University of Houston
Graduate College of Social Work**

JOB OPPORTUNITY POSTING

Job Title: Enhanced Work Incentives Counselor (EWIC)

Employer/ Agency: Imagine Enterprises

Job Description: This incumbent will provide Enhanced Work Incentives Counseling (EWIC) services to designated participants in the Benefits Offset National Demonstration (BOND), funded by SSA. EWIC counselors will provide work incentives counseling and employment supports, including referral to existing local employment services and supports and active follow-up on these referrals. EWIC services will focus on ensuring that beneficiaries are able to take full advantage of their Ticket to Work and any other resources available in the community. In addition, EWIC staff will provide employment support counseling for as long as the designated participants need and want it.

Additional Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide health insurance planning and counseling.
- Develop Employment Service Plans for beneficiaries.
- Conduct Transfer of Skills (TSA) analysis.
- Provide employment counseling and other supports to help beneficiaries prepare for, find and keep work.
- Collaborate with and refer BOND participants to employment partners to address employment needs, such as job development, job coaching, and other specialized employment supports.
- Develop in cooperation with beneficiaries Employment Support Plans and assist them to reach goals within.
- Perform all travel that is necessary to accomplish the principal responsibilities associated with the position.
- Bi-lingual in English and Spanish a plus.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in human services, non-profit studies, social work or a related field plus two years experience providing employment services to individuals with disabilities is required.
- Community Work Incentive Counselor (CWIC) certification required or the ability to obtain within the first year of employment. Training will be provided and time will be allowed for the testing. You will have one year from the last day of training to complete this certification.

- Demonstrated high-level proficiency in oral and written communication.
- Personal experience with disability and the Social Security benefits system a plus.

Competencies:

- Ability to successfully complete security clearance and background check by the SSA.
- Maintain BOND certification and participate in all subsequent trainings thereafter.
- Maintain a professional demeanor and comfort level interfacing with consumers, employers and public officials.
- Maintain professionalism and high ethical standards while conducting intake assessments with program participants.
- Use techniques and communication styles with program participants that support the principles of consumer empowerment and control.
- Maintain knowledge of local labor markets, employment services, and employment-related service delivery systems for people with disabilities.
- Demonstrated ability to do basic arithmetic computations to calculate benefits and work incentives.
- Demonstrate a high level of understanding and personal commitment to participant choice through your work with participants, employers, partner agencies and elsewhere.

Salary/Hours: 40 hours/week

Employer/ Agency: Imagine Enterprises

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Application Method: Please send resume and cover letter to the email address above

Opening Date: Immediate

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