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

**JOB OPPORTUNITY POSTING**

**Job Title:** Social and Emotional Program Specialist, Jensen Campus

**Employer/Agency:** Small Steps Nurturing Center

**Job Description:**

***Children Services***

- Provide therapy, including group and individual, to children with developmental delays or behavioral issues.
- Work with teachers, parents, and professional team to identify children with social, emotional, behavioral, and developmental needs.
- Coordinate testing of children with assistance of the Program Director.
- Assist in students' transition to new schools.
- Seek and establish relationships which help Small Steps to better meet the developmental needs of its children.

***Planning and Development:*** All Planning and Development will be in collaboration with the Social and Emotional Professional Team.

- Participate in the planning and implementation of social and emotional program for children and families.
- Provide training for teachers, volunteers, parents, and therapist/social work interns.
- Seek ways to appropriately evaluate effectiveness of program and implement a system to monitor progress of students' social and emotional development.

***Family Services***

- Provide modeling and training to parents on behavioral strategies used at Small Steps.

- Partner with families to build relationships in order to help meet the social and emotional needs of the children and their primary caregivers.
- Foster relationships with social service organizations or universities which complement Small Steps' mission to address family needs.
- Serve as a liaison between parents and community organizations, referring and assisting parents in the process.
- Plan and participate in Parent Education events.

***Teacher Services***

- Provide training to teachers and volunteers on social and emotional program.
- Consult with classroom teachers on behavioral management strategies and assist with their implementation.

***Additional Program Support***

- Participate in regularly assigned van routes transporting students to and from school.
- Supervise on field trips for students.

**Qualifications:**

- Master's degree in social work, counseling, or related field
- LCSW or LPC (those with preliminary licensure will be considered)
- Experience or training in play therapy and knowledge of early childhood development and/or education
- Passion for mission of providing exemplary education to economically at-risk young children and supporting their families

**Salary/Hours:**

Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Hours: Full-time position with hours to be agreed upon with Program Director. School year runs from early August until the end of June. Holiday time also provided as part of the school schedule.

**Employer/Agency:**

Small Steps Nurturing Center

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**Application Method:** Email

**Opening Date:** Immediate

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