

Job Title	Public Health Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Social Worker
Employer/ Agency	Texas Department of State Health Services
Job Description	Under the direction of the Preparedness and Response Manager, performs highly advanced social service public health emergency preparedness work. Using the one health and a whole community approach, the social worker is responsible for assessing, building and sustaining resilient communities. The social worker performs this work using the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Public Health Preparedness Capabilities: National Standards for State and Local Planning framework. The social worker will define, locate and reach at-risk and vulnerable populations. Conducts analyses, assesses needs, identifies gaps, and formulates strategies. In coordination with regional planners, provides input to existing plans and provides insight to develop new plans to serve at-risk and vulnerable populations. Develops and facilitates focus groups and coalitions. Provides presentations and training to external partners and DSHS staff. When staff are activated to respond to public health emergencies, the social worker is required to be available to deploy in a range of Incident Command System roles and provide subject matter expertise on public health, mass care and sheltering topics. Actively participates on workgroups to include PHEP-C. Actively participates and/or leads regional workgroups focusing on emergency preparedness issues concerning at-risk communities. Coordinates work with social work program staff, preparedness staff and external partners, such as county emergency management coordinators. Considers vulnerable populations' health and medical needs related to preparedness. Documents all community work in agency software TWICES. Completes required preparedness documentation to support federal and state grant deliverables. Primary focus on seven counties in which DSHS serves as local public health (Austin, Colorado, Liberty, Waller, Walker, Wharton, Matagorda).
Qualifications	Registration or Licensure Requirements: Current license to practice Social Work in Texas Initial Selection Criteria: Bachelor's degree or Master's degree in Social Work from an accredited college or university Current license to practice Social Work in Texas Bilingual English-Spanish (preferred) Community building, assessment and/or gap analysis related experience (preferred) Public Health Preparedness and/or emergency management related experience (preferred)
Salary/Hours	Salary Range: \$3,081.33 - \$4,866.58 40 Hour/Week
Employer/ Agency	Texas Department of State Health Services
Address	5425 Polk Street
City, State, Zip	Houston, TX 77023
Contact Person	
Contact Title	

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Application Method	Online. DSHS Job Portal or click https://jobshrportal.hhsc.state.tx.us/ENG/careerportal/Job_Profile.cfm?szOrderID=429315&szReturnToSearch=1&&szWordsToHighlight=
Opening Date	Currently open.

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