

<b>Job Title</b>	SHSS Social Worker – Human Services Spec VII
<b>Employer/ Agency</b>	Dept of State Health Services
<b>Job Description</b>	<p>Under the direction of the Specialized Health &amp; Social Services (SHSS) 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 preparedness program staff and documents all community work in agency software TWICES. Primary focus on vulnerable populations which include Medicaid clients, specifically pregnant women and Medicaid-eligible children. Works within the SHSS program case management infrastructure and makes recommendations on preparedness related planning. Works with program social workers, including partnering during home visits, to improve preparedness planning and readiness with the families served by the SHSS program. Considers mental health needs and links with appropriate partners. This work is also coordinated with local health department preparedness programs when serving in their jurisdictions.</p> <p>For more information:  <a href="https://jobshrportal.hhsc.state.tx.us/ENG/careerportal/Job_Profile.cfm?szOrderID=429410&amp;szReturnToSearch=1&amp;&amp;szWordsToHighlight=">https://jobshrportal.hhsc.state.tx.us/ENG/careerportal/Job_Profile.cfm?szOrderID=429410&amp;szReturnToSearch=1&amp;&amp;szWordsToHighlight=</a></p>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<p><b>Initial Selection Criteria:</b>            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)</p>
<b>Salary/Hours</b>	Full Time \$3,081.33 - \$4,866.58
<b>Employer/ Agency</b>	Texas Dept. of Health and Human Services
<b>Address</b>	5425 Polk St.
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	Houston, TX
<b>Contact Person</b>	AccessHR Service Center

<b>Telephone Number</b>	888-894-4747
<b>Application Method</b>	<a href="https://jobshrportal.hhsc.state.tx.us/ENG/careerportal/Job_Profile.cfm?szOrderID=429410&amp;szReturnToSearch=1&amp;&amp;szWordsToHighlight=">https://jobshrportal.hhsc.state.tx.us/ENG/careerportal/Job_Profile.cfm?szOrderID=429410&amp;szReturnToSearch=1&amp;&amp;szWordsToHighlight=</a>
<b>Opening Date</b>	Immediate

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