

FFA SOCIAL WORKER POSITION

Summary:

The person involved in this position provides social work services for the agency's Foster Family Agency. Assists certified foster parent in maintaining a safe, therapeutic environment for children ages 0-18 in the foster care system. Social Worker serves as an advocate for foster children on their case load. Maintains foster family agency files. Conducts home visits on a weekly basis and complete progress notes. Required to complete initial assessments, needs and service plans, and quarterly reports for all children on their case load for the Placement County Representatives. Conducts discharge planning on each foster child and prepares a Termination Summary.

Purpose and Beliefs:

Consistently contributes to the Organization's Vision and Mission Statements and demonstrates the Values of the organization.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Maintains a good attendance record to ensure continuity of the program.
- Provides social services to the Foster Family Agency.
- Works closely with the FFA Director to ensure that all caseloads are appropriately handled.
- Maintains weekly contact with assigned foster children. Will make a minimum of one 1 hr visit per child per week as well as ensures that this occurs for each child within the agency.
- Works with the FFA Director as well as the FFA Specialist to periodically make placements of children in certified family homes or licensed foster family home.
- Facilitates group sessions and training for foster parents and foster children during evening hours as assigned by the FFA Director.
- Supervises family visitations.
- Regularly maintains foster child and foster parent files.
- Coordinates treatment staff meetings with Treatment Team, i.e., Social Worker, foster parent, school official, placement worker, parent, and any other pertinent involved party.
- Communicates effectively with placement workers regarding the foster child's treatment plans, progress, and information pertaining to any incidents that may occur at the foster home.
- Follows Social Work Code of Ethics.
- Reports all allegations of suspected child abuse to Child Protective Services and police immediately (as well as any other mandated reporting laws) and follows with a written report within 36 hours (Suspected Child Abuse Report 1116PC).
- Serves as an advocate for foster children in all areas. Seeks out services for foster children if additional services are needed outside of what the agency provides.
- Completes initial assessments and Quarterly Progress Reports on all foster children.
- Responsible for intake treatment meetings, to be set up and implemented within two weeks of placement.
- Maintains weekly progress notes and other relevant charting to ensure quality assurance.
- Must be available to travel to various counties and have reliable vehicle.

- Periodically, attends outside events such as IEPs, community affairs, court appearances, and other events while serving as a KYJO Foster Family Agency representative.
- Conducts discharge planning on each foster child and prepares a Termination Summary.
- Available for after hours placement and crisis calls on a rotating basis.
- Coordinates psychological testing, medication evaluations, and any other relevant psychological services.
- Participates in weekly supervision with the FFA Director as well as attend weekly and other scheduled staff meetings.
- Ensures that all home checks for all potential foster families have been completed in a timely manner.
- Ensures compliance with all foster family homes by conducting home checks at the start of the program as well as every six (6) months thereafter whether the house is filled or not.

Education:

A Master's Degree from an accredited or state approved graduate school, in social work or social welfare, marriage, family, and child counseling, child psychology, child development, counseling psychology or social psychology.

Experience:

- Experience in adoption or foster care and child Welfare preferred. Must be able to work independently.
- Must pass criminal back ground clearances required by Community Care Licensing.
- Must possess a valid California Driver's License, insurance and have an acceptable DMV record and their own reliable transportation.
- Current license or registration by the State of California to practice as marriage, family, and child counselor, clinical social worker, or clinical psychologist.
- Required 21 years of age or older.

Specialized Skills:

- Ability to read, analyze, and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals, technical procedures, or governmental regulations.
- Ability to write reports, business correspondence, and procedure manuals.
- Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from groups of managers, customers, each person on the youth's caseload, and the general public.
- Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions.
- Knowledge of, and the ability to comply with, Title 22 regulations and applicable laws governing residential care facilities.

Job Type:

Part-time