



Family Promise of Western New York (FPWNY)

Job Post: Child Wellness Specialist

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Status: Per Diem

Reports to: Family Case Coordinator

Hours: Weekends as negotiated

Hourly Rate: \$80/hour

FPWNY is a family stabilization hub for families at risk for or experiencing homelessness in our community. We are seeking a compassionate, creative and energetic Child Wellness Specialist who will screen children living in our emergency shelter program in order to offer therapeutic interventions to build their emotional regulation and coping skills. A successful candidate will be trauma-informed, culturally sensitive and be able to leverage therapeutic interventions to help children experiencing homelessness express their feelings, process experiences, build their skills and develop coping mechanisms in a safe and nurturing environment. Candidates should have a good working knowledge of Play Therapy. This position will have a high degree of independence and flexibility but be held to strict documentation and performance standards. *Please note: this position is grant funded and not connected with a certified mental health agency. A successful candidate will work independently without supervision towards further credentialing. This position does not count towards accreditation hours, does not require billing, does not carry insurance and does not include the ability to diagnose.*

Duties

- Work with our Case Management team to Identify a caseload of youth that would benefit from specialized therapeutic interventions
- Identify areas for coping skills with the children in our program
- Create individualized plans of therapeutic intervention that can benefit the specific child, which can include both interventions held on-site and community-based interventions
- Conduct on-site counseling either 1:1 or in group sessions to help youth reduce stress by expressing their feelings, improve emotional stability and learn coping mechanisms
- Skill-build with youth to help them access tools to succeed, especially as related to advancing their independence via education, career or employment opportunities
- Develop community partnerships that promote youth wellbeing that we can formalize and create referral pipelines for
- Respond to crisis situations in real time which involve participating youth and safety plan as necessary
- Maintain service notes and documentation in Family Link
- Complete all required trainings and attend necessary additional training, supervision and team

Skills and other Qualifications

- Education/License: Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), or Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) credentials
- At least two years of experience working with at-risk youth
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds, including families with children
- Strong problem solving skills from a solutions-focused approach
- Strong organizational and documentation skills
- Ability to work independently in the community
- Good ethical decisions, including displaying behavior appropriate to a mentor who works in close contact with children
- Background checks required
- Must have a valid driver's license, a clean driving record and access to reliable transportation

Agency Expectations

- Complies with agency standards of conduct and professionalism
- Demonstrates knowledge of the program, mission and services of FPWNY
- Complies with all policies and procedures in Employee Handbooks
- Is able to work in an alcohol and drug free environment
- Ability to demonstrate self-care

Hours: 4-6 hours/week, Per Diem, negotiated

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