



Title: In-Home Outreach Counselor (IHOC)
Posting Date: May 10, 2010
Department: Child Welfare
Report To: Program Manager

Summary: IHOC will provide intensive in-home outreach counseling and case management services to participants, as well as center-based and agency-based linkage services and advocacy. They will conduct comprehensive psychosocial assessments and develop treatment/case plans for Family Preservation clients, will arrange services and activities, and will monitor client progress with treatment/case plan goals.

Major Responsibilities: Interfaces with children and families, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Public and Social Services (DPSS), and other professional and paraprofessional staff, on behalf of the Family Preservation Program.

Provides crisis intervention, clinical case management services and other supportive services necessary to preserve, maintain, and strengthen families to remain intact, whenever possible.

Assists families and probation youth participants with completing court-ordered treatment plan goals, so as to remain compliant with orders from the court, DCFS, and/or the Probation Department.

Commutes to and from clients' homes to provide in-home case management services, may travel to child/ren's school(s) to advocate for service and/or observe child/ren's behaviors, and may travel to other sites, as needed, occasionally providing clients with transportation assistance.

Evaluates and reports on the physical and emotional safety of the child/ren to insure that child/ren remain in the home with caregiver(s) whenever possible, but only if child/ren's safety is upheld as the highest priority. Mandated Child Abuse Reporting experience is required; including, providing verbal reporting to appropriate authorities, completing necessary reports and documentation, and following up with family and child/ren to complete the reporting process.

Attends all required meetings with DCFS personnel and other lead agencies, individuals and/or groups as deemed necessary and appropriate; including, Team Decision Making (TDM) meetings and occasional court appearances.

Participates in weekly supervision with the Clinical Supervisor, and bi-weekly supervision with Program Manager.

Attends monthly staff meetings, quarterly Community Advisory Council Meetings, and various trainings, as necessary.

Performs other job-related functions as necessary.

Requirements: Ideal candidate will possess a Bachelor's degree in Social Work/Social Welfare, Psychology, or Marriage, Family and Child Counseling, Child Development or other related field and/or three years of progressively more responsible work experience in the child welfare field

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