

Job Title	Youth Service Specialist - Schools - Bilingual
Employer/ Agency	HARRIS COUNTY
Job Description	<p>The Youth Service Specialist provides a community based case management service to address the social, economic, and academic needs of children and youth, including status offenders; provides early intervention and prevention services for "at risk" students; handles crisis situations and provide crisis counseling and case management; addresses needs of students experiencing behavior problems, parent/child conflicts, runaway, and truancy issues; provides alternative solutions to problems to the youth and their families and all services are voluntary and at no cost and in an easily accessible way. Accepts referrals from the schools, police, parents, the community, other agencies and the youth in an effort to resolve family, personal and school problems at the earliest possible level and in the least stigmatizing way. Fast-paced environment involves collaboration with schools and other agencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports to Area Supervisor of Community Youth Services (CYS). • Provides crisis counseling - an immediate, non-coercive, easily accessible method of providing on-the-spot counseling. • Relates to Juvenile Probation and Children's Protective Services staff members as well as fellow CYS workers. • Serves as resource person to obtain services for youth and their families; arranges appointments and transports child if necessary or desirable. • Works with runaways by providing crisis counseling, long term counseling or voluntary emergency placement when necessary. • Assists parents in arranging long-term, voluntary placement of children outside the home when other alternatives have failed. • Assist with application procedures, testing, medical and intake interviews. • Works with persistent truancy by arranging, locating, and developing resources that would assist in eliminating the course of truancy. • Assists with referrals for educational testing and assist in changes in school program when necessary. • Acts as a liaison between schools, Juvenile Probation Department, and, Protective Services for Children and Adults. • Interprets policies and practices and contacts these agencies when information is needed concerning an adolescent. • Visits and networks with new and established community resources. • When possible, assists students in finding employment or job training. • Home visits are made for the convenience of the client or to gain a better understanding of the situation. • Prepares necessary paperwork and reports. • Enters client information in the EVOLV Client Data-Base Information System.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports to the Director of School Administration or the school district's designated liaison. • Provides follow-up casework services to cases referred from TRIAD Intake Diversion staff.
Qualifications	<p>REQUIREMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree majoring in psychology, sociology, social work, criminal justice or closely related field. • One (1) year full-time paid experience in a youth-service agency. • Knowledge of community resources in Harris County for youth and how to use them. • Must possess casework and documentation skills. • Knowledge and understanding of adolescent problems and stages of development. • Knowledge of the Texas Family Code and related laws governing children and the ability to interpret these laws to youths, parents, and other entities. • Bilingual in English and Spanish. <p>PREFERENCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's Degree in psychology, sociology, social work, criminal justice or closely related field. • Experience working with adolescents in youth-services agencies such as: Child Protective Services, The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, or Juvenile Probation. • Licensed as a Social Worker (LSW). Licensed as a Master Social Worker (LMSW) or Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC).
Salary/Hours	<p>SALARY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$38,334 --\$43,555 Bachelor's Degree • \$42,161--47,923 Master's Degree
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Opening Date	Immediate

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