

<b>Job Title</b>	Youth Service Specialist --Waller ISD
<b>Employer/ Agency</b>	Harris County - Protective Services For Children and Adults
<b>Job Description</b>	<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 youth and their families. All services are voluntary, at no cost and easily accessible. 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"> <li>• Reports to Area Supervisor of Community Youth Services.</li> <li>• The YSS is available to all school personnel as well as the community at large.</li> <li>• Provides crisis counseling and case management services to at risk youth and their families.</li> <li>• Relates to Juvenile Probation, Department of Family &amp; Protective Services, Harris County Protective Services and Harris Center staff, as well as other Community Youth Services staff.</li> <li>• Serves as resource person to obtain services for youth and their families, arrange appointments, and transport child if necessary.</li> <li>• Works with runaway and/or homeless youth by providing crisis counseling, long-term counseling, or voluntary emergency placement when necessary.</li> <li>• When necessary, assists parents in arranging long term, voluntary placement of children outside the home when other alternatives have failed.</li> <li>• Works with chronically truant youth by arranging, locating, and developing resources that assist in eliminating the course of truancy.</li> <li>• Arranges for educational testing and advocates for changes in school program when necessary.</li> <li>• Acts as a liaison between schools, Juvenile Probation Department, Department of Family &amp; Protective Services, the Harris Center, and Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults. Interprets policies and practices and facilitates communication when necessary.</li> <li>• Networks with new and established community resources to increase understanding of services.</li> <li>• When possible, assists students in finding employment or job training</li> <li>• Home visits are made for the convenience of the client or to gain a better understanding of the situation</li> <li>• Prepares necessary paperwork and reports.</li> <li>• Enters documentation of client services in the Client Information System.</li> <li>• Reports to the contracting partner's designated liaison, as well as to the HCPS Community Youth Services supervisor.</li> <li>• Provides follow-up services to cases referred from HCPS Youth Services Division staff.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participates as member of district crisis response team as needed.</li> <li>• Provides summer programing for youth in district.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Duties:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participates on committees for community projects for youth.</li> <li>• Public relations; avails self to speak to school and community groups.</li> <li>• Participates on school committees dealing with youth problems and school policies.</li> <li>• Helps plan and sponsor monthly Council of Agencies Serving Youth (CASY) meetings for respective area.</li> <li>• Assists in updating the CYS Resource Directory; assists with updating respective district's resource information.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Qualifications</b></p>	<p><b>Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree majoring in psychology, sociology, social work, criminal justice, or closely related field.</li> <li>• One (1) year full-time paid experience in the youth-service field providing case management services to youth and families.</li> <li>• Possess own car, valid Texas driver's license and liability insurance.</li> <li>• Knowledge of community resources in Harris County for youth and how to access them.</li> <li>• Casework and documentation skills.</li> <li>• Knowledge and understanding of adolescent problems and stages of development.</li> <li>• Knowledge of the Texas Family Code and related laws governing children and the ability to interpret these laws to youths, parents and other systems.</li> <li>• Responsible and self-disciplined enough to work independently.</li> <li>• Self-motivated and possess excellent time management skills.</li> <li>• Possess excellent verbal and written communicating skills.</li> <li>• Demonstrated ability to work with adolescents.</li> <li>• Ability to handle the stress of emergency situations.</li> <li>• Self-discipline, dependability, and ability to work independently.</li> <li>• Must be tactful; able to establish positive working relationships with agencies having differing philosophies.</li> <li>• Experience with documentation in client data systems.</li> <li>• Skill in utilization of Microsoft Office programs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Preferences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master's Degree in psychology, sociology, social work, criminal justice or closely related field</li> <li>• One year full time paid experience working with children and/or adolescents in youth-service agencies such as: Department of Family &amp; Protective Services, Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD or Juvenile Probation.</li> <li>• LCDC, LSW, or LMSW.</li> <li>• Bilingual in English and Spanish.</li> </ul>

<b>Salary/Hours</b>	\$38,334.00 - \$47,923.00 Annually
<b>Employer/Agency</b>	Harris County - Protective Services For Children and Adults
<b>Address</b>	Waller ISD
<b>Telephone Number</b>	713-274-5445
<b>Application Method</b>	Apply online: <a href="https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/harriscountytexas/jobs/1815901/youth-service-specialist-waller-isd">https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/harriscountytexas/jobs/1815901/youth-service-specialist-waller-isd</a>
<b>Opening Date</b>	Immediate

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