

<b>Job Title</b>	Pediatric Victim Assistance
<b>Employer/ Agency</b>	Harris County
<b>Job Description</b>	<p>The Pediatric Victim Assistance Specialist (PVAS) has the specific directive to develop an infant/child death record strategy for: 1) use by HCIFS Investigators, and 2) Publication for use by other medicolegal death investigation agencies. This process will be informed by PVAS involvement in HCIFS investigations of unexpected infant and child fatalities, observation of family correspondence, and consultation with HCIFS and external research collaborators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works with surviving family members of individuals whose death falls under the jurisdiction of the Medical Examiner in accordance with Section 49.25, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.</li><li>• Works independently with minimal supervision, prioritizing and handling multiple tasks simultaneously.</li><li>• Attends death scenes to assist the forensic investigator in speaking with family members.</li><li>• Communicates with family members in a culturally competent manner.</li><li>• Observes and conducts interviews of the families of deceased infants and children.</li><li>• Participates in multi-disciplinary effort to enhance the effectiveness and appropriateness of the collection of data from families of deceased infants and children.</li><li>• Develops the Infant Injury Supplement used by HCIFS Investigations staff to collect and record interview data.</li><li>• Provides training to HCIFS investigators in how to conduct family interviews.</li><li>• Generates a publishable version of the guide for use by the medicolegal death investigation community.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Work Environment and Other Considerations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work involves possible exposure to unusual elements, such as extreme temperatures, dirt, dust, fumes, smoke, unpleasant odors, and/or loud noises.</li><li>• May come in contact with blood and/or blood borne pathogens.</li></ul> <p>Will require training in Universal Precautions.</p>

<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of Social Work (MSW) from an accredited program.</li> <li>• Master of Social Work license (LMSW).</li> <li>• Familiarity and comfort dealing with death and death investigation required to</li> <li>• assist surviving family members of individuals that die suddenly, unexpectedly or by unnatural means, while</li> <li>• Gathering information that is critical to the death investigation process.</li> <li>• Intervention skills specific to grief/loss and trauma and have experience in resource identification, family referral and client access/utilization.</li> <li>• Good written and oral communication skills.</li> <li>• Basic familiarization of computer systems using Microsoft Office and standard applications.</li> <li>• Effective organizational and time and case management skills.</li> </ul> <p>A valid driver's license is required.</p>
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<b>Opening Date</b>	<p><b>Opening Date/Time:</b> Wed. 09/28/16 12:00 AM Central Time</p> <p><b>Closing Date/Time:</b> Fri. 12/30/16 11:03 AM Central Time</p>

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