

Job Title	Family Advocate
Employer/ Agency	The Children's Assessment Center
Job Description	<p>The CAC Family Advocate implements an early intervention and psychosocial support model, actively representing the interest of victims of child sexual abuse and their non-offending caregivers. Services are aimed at stabilization and easing resumption of normal life, thereby preventing pathological consequences of potentially traumatic situations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works collaboratively with caregivers and the multidisciplinary team from initial investigation through resolution of the child's case. • Builds rapport with the non-offending caregiver during the initial visit to The CAC in order to conduct a thorough needs assessment and to ensure understanding of investigative processes and dynamics of sexual abuse. • Provides some case management and resource linkage to ensure child has access to medical, mental health, educational, and legal services. • Conducts assessments, diagnostics, and treatment through individual, family, and group therapy, supportive counseling, crisis intervention, psycho-education, and resource coordination. • Provides community outreach, professional presentations, and other duties as assigned. • Engages children and families of all ages, ethnicities, genders, and socioeconomic backgrounds to restore and enhance psychosocial functioning of individuals and families adversely affected by child abuse/trauma.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's degree in Social Work, Psychology, Counseling or a related field; and • Licensure or temporary licensure to practice in the State of Texas as a Professional Counselor (LPC), Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern (LPC-I), Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Marriage and Family therapist (LMFT) or Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA). • Minimum of one (1) year of experience serving, assessing, treating or advocating on behalf of children and families who have experienced child abuse or trauma.

- Basic proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Power Point) programs.
- Knowledge of child welfare, child advocacy, criminal justice, and local community resources.
- Knowledge of post-traumatic symptoms, signs and symptoms of child abuse, and crisis intervention techniques.
- Strong written and verbal communication, organizational and planning skills.
- Ability to conduct objective psychosocial, developmental, and behavioral assessments.
- Ability to provide individual, family, and group solution-focused therapy, and supportive counseling.

Preferences

- Experience working with a multidisciplinary team.
- Training in a state or nationally-recognized Victim or Family Advocacy program.
- Knowledge of dynamics of sexual abuse, professional literature, and current issues relevant to child sexual abuse.

Salary/Hours	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. / Monday - Friday
Address	1310 Prairie Street, Ste. 170
City, State, Zip	Houston, Texas, 77002.
Application Method	Online at https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/harriscountytexas/jobs/1926939/family-advocate
Opening Date	Immediately

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