

Job Title	Youth Service Specialist - Spring ISD
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 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"> • Reports to Area Supervisor of Community Youth Services. • The Youth Service Specialist (YSS) is available to all school personnel as well as the community at large. • Provides crisis counseling and case management services to at risk youth and their families.. • Relates to Juvenile Probation, Department of Family and Protective Services, Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS) and Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD staff, as well as other Community Youth Services staff. • Serves as resource person to obtain services for youth and their families, arrange appointments and transport child if necessary. • Works with runaway and/or homeless youth by providing crisis counseling, long term counseling or voluntary emergency placement when necessary. • When necessary, assists parents in arranging long term, voluntary placement of children outside the home when other alternatives have failed. • Works with chronically truant youth by arranging, locating, and developing resources that assist in eliminating the course of truancy. • Arranges for educational testing and advocates for changes in school program when necessary. • Acts as a liaison between schools, Juvenile Probation, Department of Family and Protective Services, the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD and Harris HCPS. Interprets policies and practices and facilitates communication when necessary. • 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 documentation of client services in the EVOLV Client Information System. • Reports to the contracting partner's designated liaison, as well as to the HCPS

	<p>Community Youth Services supervisor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides follow-up casework services to cases referred from HCPS Youth Services Division staff.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree in a social science, e.g., psychology, sociology, social work, criminal justice or closely related field. • One (1) year full-time paid experience in a youth-service agency. (Preference will be given to those applicants who have experience working with adolescents in youth-service agencies such as: Department of Family and Protective Services, Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD or Juvenile Probation.) • Knowledge of community resources is essential. • Have own car. • Valid Texas driver's license and liability insurance.
Salary/Hours	TBD
Employer/Agency	HARRIS COUNTY
Address	Spring Independent School District
Telephone Number	713-274-5444
Email Address	employment@bmd.hctx.net
Application Method	Apply online: http://agency.governmentjobs.com/harriscountytexas/default.cfm?action=jobbulletin&JobID=1686421
Opening Date	3/16/17

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