

Job Title	Forensic Interviewer-Bilingual
Employer/ Agency	Harris County Children's Assessment Center
Job Description	<p>The Forensic Interviewer interviews children alleged to be victims of sexual abuse, exploitation, severe child maltreatment, or witnesses to violent crimes which are referred to The Children's Assessment Center by either Law Enforcement or Children's Protective Services. Forensic Interviewers are trained to Interview children in a supportive, child-friendly, and non-leading way, while the investigators involved view the interview which is digitally recorded to preserve the child's disclosure and demeanor, minimizing the number of times the child is interviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds and maintains strong working relationships with investigative case workers and law enforcement officers to ensure a collaborative investigation process. • Makes every effort to minimize the number of interviews of a child. • Coordinates interviews of children with the Children's Protective Services and Law Enforcement. • Maintains flexibility in work schedule due to constraints on partner agencies with priority investigations and emergency situations to ensure provision of services. • Gathers pertinent information during pre-interview and post- interview processes to conduct comprehensive interviews. • Adjusts interviews to fit a child's developmental needs. • Assesses child's verbal and non-verbal communication for signs of sexual abuse. • Documents written summaries and assessments of completed interviews. • Consistently obtains pertinent information that assists civil and criminal investigations of child abuse. • Attends Multi-Disciplinary Case staffing's to discuss disclosures. • Attends local, regional and national trainings on interviewing children and child abuse to maintain current knowledge of best practices and latest research on interviewing. • Participates in local, regional and national Peer Review and stays up-to date on current literature to maintain a high level of interviewing skills. • Testifies as an expert witness in civil and criminal court regarding interviewing children and disclosures. • Provides training on dynamics of sexual abuse, The CAC and interviewing. • Documents interviews and relevant information in the Case Tracking System. • Performs all other projects and assignments assigned by the Supervisor.

Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's degree in Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, Counseling, Clinical Psychology, Counseling Psychology or closely related mental health field. • Full or provisional licensure to practice in the state of Texas as a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate (LMFTA), or Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC, LPC-I or LPA). • One (1) or more years' experience working with sexually abused children, child maltreatment or trauma-related populations. • Specialized training in child maltreatment and an understanding of the child welfare system and advocacy centers required. • Knowledge or experience working with an advocacy center, child welfare agency, or the criminal justice system. • Fluency in English and Spanish, oral and written. • A hospitable disposition, skill in public relations and a patient, objective, non-judgmental attitude. • Ability to assess age appropriate language, verbal and non-verbal communication and exceptional recall abilities. • A valid driver's license (Texas upon hire). <p>NOTE: Qualifying education, experience, knowledge and skills must be clearly stated on your application's employment history. Resumes are welcome, but we do not use any information provided on your resume to qualify and refer you to the Hiring Department for consideration.</p>
Salary/Hours	Depends on Qualifications, 40 Hours per Week Monday-Friday
Employer/Agency	Harris County Human Resources & Risk Management
Address	1310 Prairie St Ste 400
City, State, Zip	Houston, Texas 77002
Contact Person	Marris Beavers
Contact Title	Employment Coordinator
Telephone Number	713-274-5491
Email Address	Marris.Beavers@bmd.hctx.net
Application Method	https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/harriscountytexas/jobs/2248965
Opening Date	11/7/18

To post a job opportunity or if your response to this job posting results in successful employment, please email the GCSW Office of Alumni and Career Services at mswjobs@central.uh.edu with the hiring details of your new job opportunity. Thank you.

