

Job Title	Open Adoption Counselor
Employer/ Agency	Independent Adoption Center
Job Description	<p>Open Adoption Counselor</p> <p>Follow IAC Counseling Protocols so that comprehensive, high quality counseling services are provided to both birth parents and adopting parents to facilitate a positive and healthy adoption experience for all parties. This includes all paperwork and forms that are mandated in the Counseling Protocols and TDFPS regulations.</p> <p>Provide counseling and support to birth parents from the time of the match to post-birth. This includes counseling sessions as needed, match meeting, open adoption agreement meetings (preliminary and revised), and post-birth grief counseling.</p> <p>Provide counseling and support (including sensitivity to infertility issues) to adoptive parents from the time of the lead or match to post-birth. This includes the match meeting, open adoption agreement meetings, and one year of post adoption services. This also includes providing the adopting parents (both verbally and in writing) with a professional assessment of the birth parent's situation and any risks or potential risks at the time of the match and on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Lead IAC counseling groups for adopting parents and birth parents.</p> <p>Maintain case files, which include up to date counseling notes on birth parents and adopting parents.</p> <p>Participate in staff meetings and counseling staff meetings.</p>
Qualifications	<p>MSW degree (Required)</p> <p>2 years experience in child welfare/child placing agency (Required)</p> <p>An understanding of the issues surrounding adoption, infertility, unplanned pregnancy, child welfare, and loss and grief</p> <p>Strong educational/motivational/client services experience and skills.</p> <p>Case management skills</p> <p>Ability to travel throughout Texas (Required)</p> <p>Valid driver's license and current automobile insurance (Required)</p> <p>Flexibility; weekend and after hours work as needed</p> <p>The ability to work with diverse populations</p> <p>Ability to serve as a Notary</p>
Salary/Hours	\$40,000 Annually/40 hours per week
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Opening Date	Immediately

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