

Job Title	Pediatric Victim Assistance Specialist (Grant Funded)
Employer/ Agency	Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences
Job Description	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.
Qualifications	<p>Required Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Social Work (MSW) from an accredited program <p>Required Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 year in a social work related position, can include internship hours <p>Preferred Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preference will be given to individuals whose experience has included previous work with crime victims, death notification, medical terminology and experience in a medical examiner's office <p>Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Social Work license (LMSW) is required • Familiarity and comfort dealing with death and death investigation required to: a) assist surviving family members of individuals that die suddenly, unexpectedly or by unnatural means, while 2) gathering information that is critical to the death investigation process. • The applicant must have intervention skills specific to grief/loss and trauma and have experience in resource identification, family referral and client access/utilization • Experience with interventions specific to models of supportive and mental health counseling and client advocacy is preferred • The candidate must work independently with minimal supervision, prioritizing and handling multiple tasks simultaneously • Good written and oral communication skills, basic familiarization of computer systems using Microsoft Office and standard applications, as well as effective organizational and time and case management skills are all essential to satisfactory job performance • A valid driver's license is required
Salary/Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am-5pm, M-F
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