

Family Services Specialist

Who we are:

Saint Louise House provides long-term supportive housing to mothers with children overcoming homelessness in Central Texas. We serve women-led families who need more time and support than emergency shelters can provide, but who do not qualify for other programs. We provide them **stable housing** and **wraparound services, highly-individualized support** that meets every mother and child right where they are, and **two generational** services that simultaneously address the needs of mothers and children so they can both reach their full potential. Saint Louise House is a local, 501c3 non-profit, is not a religiously affiliated organization, and is an equal opportunity employer.

Position Summary:

The Family Services Specialist will work within the SLH solution-focused, strengths based model to develop and implement programming for SLH children and youth to build resilience and social emotional skills. In addition, the Family Services Specialist will support mothers in utilizing positive parenting skills to improve and strengthen family relations. Responsibilities will include the provision of one-on-one parent coaching, facilitation of parent support groups and workshops, facilitation of child and teen support groups and workshops, and maintenance of onsite parenting resource centers at both properties.

Benefits:

Saint Louise House invests in our employees in many ways. We provide the tools and supports needed to all staff so that they can provide the highest quality of services to Saint Louise House families. In addition to fostering a positive, learning and supportive work environment, we also offer

- Competitive Salary; salary commensurate with education, experience, and Spanish fluency
- Paid Time Off (160 hours a year)
- Paid Holidays (10 days a year)
- Health / Dental / Vision Insurance
- Life and disability Insurance

Position Description:

Children and Youth Support

- Serve as the lead facilitator for the children's psycho-educational and support groups.
- Develop initiatives to increase positive interactions and social connections between teens.
- Launch and oversee case management program for older teens at SLH and work individually with teens on goal-setting and progress toward independent living.

- Establish tutoring program and afterschool engagement opportunities for children and teens.
- Connect children to extracurricular activities using flexible funding under established guidelines.

Parenting Support

- Provide one-on-one parent coaching sessions to mothers at Saint Louise House to develop, nurture, and strengthen parenting skills and parent-child interactions.
- Facilitate groups and workshops for mothers using strengths-based parenting curriculum (i.e. Nurturing Parenting, Love & Logic, Triple P, etc.).
- Provide parenting education and resources to families based on family needs and interest.
- Make appropriate referrals and assist program participants in accessing services and resources in the community.

Community

- Represent Saint Louise House in community partnerships related to Family Support Services, including with AISD, United Way, and other funding partners.
- Provide expertise and consultation for SLH staff in supporting program participant needs around parenting and child development concerns.
- Partner with program staff to develop family support programming based on program participant feedback and needs assessments.

Qualifications and Skills

- Outstanding knowledge of child development, trauma informed care, cultural diversity, and family systems.
- Familiarity of best practices to meet children's social and emotional needs.
- Experience facilitating psychoeducational and process groups.
- Knowledge of best practices in positive parenting strategies.
- Skilled in the use of behavioral health assessments and progress monitoring data to drive critical conversations and planning.

Education and Experience

- Master's Degree in Social Work, Psychology, Counseling or a related field.
- Experience (3 years minimum) working directly with children and families.
- Experience working with children with a focus on social, emotional, and behavioral supports is preferred.

To apply for position send Cover Letter and Resume to:

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