



We cannot always
build the future for
our youth, but we
can build our youth
for the future.

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt
United States President, 1933-1945



FAMILY COUNSELOR

Alternative Family Services, a Foster Family, Adoption and Mental Health Agency, serving children and families throughout the Bay Area, has a part-time/as-needed position for a Contingent Family Counselor.

The Gathering Place is a collaborative project between Alternative Family Services (AFS), Alameda County Social Services Agency, and Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services. The Gathering Place staff provides a safe, comfortable, and family-friendly environment where referred parents and children who have been separated can complete their visits and receive a range of services including therapeutic, supervised, and observed visitation. Alameda County Department of Child and Family Services' goals for families are to increase timely reunification and reduce re-entry rates into the child welfare system. The Gathering Place is committed to maintaining family attachments during the difficult period of separation. It offers a continuum of services that eliminates obstacles to visitation while promoting positive family interactions.

The Gathering Place Family Counselor works with children and families involved in the child welfare system. They are responsible for promoting positive parenting skills and supporting families during supervised and observed visits. Schedule may include some evenings and/or Saturdays.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree or Associate's Degree with related work experience
- Solid understanding of family dynamics, child, and adolescent development
- Experience working with families and at-risk youth
- Bilingual in Spanish/English a plus
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Proven track record of working successfully with diverse cultural populations
- Ability to obtain fingerprint and government required background clearances

DRIVING REQUIREMENTS

This position requires the employee to work out in the community and within foster homes throughout the Bay Area. Thus, position requires employee to possess a valid CA driver's license and valid automobile insurance with his/her name on the verification card as an insured driver on the policy at all times. Position requires daily access to a car in safe working order.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supervise and monitor visits with children and families
- Provide a variety of interventions to promote positive parenting skills, including, but not limited to, coaching, skill building, and supportive feedback
- Document all services related to visits and submit to CPS
- Transport children to and from visits
- Perform other duties as assigned

WE OFFER

- Competitive compensation
- A professional and supportive work environment
- IRS standard mileage reimbursement

Other than all legally mandated benefits (such as paid sick leave, worker's compensation insurance, and social security) there are no benefits affiliated with this position.

Please email or fax resume with cover letter

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