



<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Child Welfare Specialist-Foster Care</b>	<b>Date Approved by Board:</b>	4/27/2020
<b>Department:</b>	Child Welfare	<b>Supervisory Responsibilities:</b>	No
<b>Position Status:</b>	Full Time	<b>FLSA Status:</b>	Exempt
<b>Supervisor:</b>	Child Welfare Supervisor		

**Position Summary:** Provide Child Welfare services to children and families in order to achieve family reunification or permanency as well as support the mission of FamilyCore.

**Responsibilities:**

- Provide in-person contact and support to parents, children, and foster parents.
- Coordinate parent and child visitation.
- Identify, locate, refer, and coordinate services to children and families.
- Create and facilitate service plans.
- Maintain program equipment and work area.
- Develop and maintain accurate and confidential documentation, reports, and client records in accordance with Department of Children and Family Services Rule and Procedure, contracts and applicable standards.
- Adhere to standards adopted through Council on Accreditation.
- Develop and maintain working relationships with all internal and external clients.
- Utilize the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System for documentation and tracking.
- Conduct and arrange Child and Family team meetings.
- Attend meeting and staffings as required.
- Prepare court reports and attends court as required.
- Adhere to Department of Children and Family Services Rules and Procedures per foster care contract.
- Ensure safety protocols and policies are practiced at all times.
- Assume responsibility for professional development and cultural competency.
- \*Perform other duties as assigned.

**Requirements:**

**Education and Experience:**

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in social work required.
- 2 years' experience required.

**Competency:**

- Basic proficiency in MS Word, Outlook and Excel required. PowerPoint is preferred.
- Child Welfare Education for Leadership licensed or ability to obtain licensure.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Basic academic skills required.
- Strong interpersonal, problem solving, and teamwork skills.
- Ability to set and maintain professional boundaries with clients.
- Ability to organize and maintain data and confidential information.

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- Ability to establish and maintain a client focus.

**Requirements Continued:**

**Competency:**

- Must possess valid Illinois Driver's License in good standing and proof of valid vehicle insurance.
- Must pass required background check.
- CPR and First Aid certification required.
- Must complete child passenger safety training.
- Safe, reliable personal vehicle, to be used for FamilyCore business, including transporting clients.
- Ability to be sensitive and understanding of cultural and lifestyle differences of all people regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, age, or background.
- Utilize time tracking software and all other software required to fulfill duties.
- Successfully complete FamilyCore training as required.

**Physical:**

- Frequent sitting, walking, standing, grasping, fingering, and lifting, pulling and pushing up to 45 lbs.
- Regular reaching. Occasional stooping, reaching overhead, and other physical activities related to an office environment.
- Operate general office equipment, including multi-line phone, fax machine, printer, copier, and personal computer, with or without dual screens.

**Work Environment:**

- Work occurs in and out of an office environment.
- Frequently exposed to loud noise and outdoor weather conditions.
- May be subject to distraction and interruptions.
- May be subject to difficult client interactions that involve behavioral and/or emotional challenges.

Employee signature below constitutes employee's understanding of the requirements, essential functions and duties of the position.

Employee Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*Clarification for 'Other duties as assigned': This job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice*