## UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON GRADUATE COLLEGE of SOCIAL WORK

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Job Title	Professional Mentor
Employer/ Agency	Friends of the Children Houston
Job Description	<ul> <li>Spend time with children, one-on-one and in the classroom.</li> <li>Develop, maintain, and follow a Roadmap/Goals or Transition Plan for each child.</li> <li>Set realistic expectations and goals based on each child's strengths, talents, abilities and needs.</li> <li>Teach life skills and healthy habits to contribute both to basic development and learning, and to contribute to building positive self-esteem.</li> <li>Develop a talent/skill/area of interest with each child to help develop positive self-esteem and experience growing confidence.</li> <li>Provide enrichment resources and activities which include opportunities for cultural awareness, diversity and community service.</li> <li>Contribute to children acquiring behavioral management skills, tolerance, respect for others, courtesy, and compassion.</li> <li>Develop positive relationships with families, teachers and others involved in each child's life.</li> <li>Facilitate development/progress of academic skills and learning.</li> <li>Model and promote good problem solving and decision-making skills.</li> <li>Participate in the programming and resources available through the organization, effectively utilizing program resources to meet the needs of each child.</li> <li>Maintain spending within budgetary guidelines.</li> <li>Complete, distribute and collect time summaries, activity journals, short term plans, expense reports and evaluation materials accurately and in a timely manner.</li> <li>Attend and actively participate in team meetings and staff functions.</li> <li>Provide information and support to Leadership team and related activities as needed.</li> <li>Fulfill other responsibilities as required.</li> </ul>
Qualifications	<ul> <li>Bachelor's degree preferred, plus 2-4 years' experience working/volunteering with youth in a social service setting or with families impacted by systemic injustice and chronic trauma.</li> <li>Alternatively, associate's degree required, plus 4-6 years' experience working/volunteering with youth in a social service setting or with families impacted by systemic injustice and chronic trauma.</li> <li>Spanish Speaking highly preferred</li> <li>Mentoring experience with children and families impacted by the child welfare system.</li> <li>Be culturally competent: Having a critical understanding of the youth and family within their cultural context. Engage and deliver services by acknowledging, respecting, and integrating youth and family's cultural values.</li> <li>Engage in continuous learning and development.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Be proficient in administrative tasks (scheduling, documenting, time management, computer skills, etc.)</li> <li>Have an aptitude to use data to inform youth work.</li> <li>Maintain current driver's license, good driving record, and vehicle insurance.</li> <li>Maintain First Aid/CPR certification.</li> <li>Transport children in personal vehicle as required for mentoring activities around the Houston area. You will be reimbursed for mileage related to youth transportation.</li> </ul>
Salary/Hours	Full time, Exempt: \$50,000-\$52,000 Annually Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 11:00am-7:00pm (with flexibility)
Address	This position requires substantial driving from school sites, homes, and community activities. The main clubhouse and students are primarily located in the Cy-Fair, Greenspoint, Tomball and Aldine areas.
City, State, Zip	Club House: 500 Greens Street, Houston, TX 77060
Contact Person	Lourdes Carrillo, LMSW Program Director
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Application Method	Apply Here: https://friends-of-the-children-houston.hiringthing.com/job/851626/professional-mentor-friend  Resume and Cover letter are required.
Opening Date	Immediately

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