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POSITION TITLE: Parent Educator/Peer Support Facilitator

REPORTS TO: Deputy Director

SALARY & BENEFITS: \$23-25 per hour DOQ.

HOURS: Part time up to 5 hours per week. Schedule negotiable

About Us: Family Support Center of South Sound is a nonprofit 501c3 multi-service agency located in Olympia, Washington, founded in 1992 to provide families and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking with coordinated supportive services in one centralized location with the mission, "*Working Together to Strengthen All Families*". Family Support Center seeks to build strong, healthy, safe, and hopeful families through collaborative programs and services, with the goal to reduce the impacts of family and child poverty, homelessness, and family violence in the South Sound community.

Position Summary: The Parent Educator/Peer Support Facilitator will be responsible for the development and facilitation of a weekly Womxn of Color Peer Support Group. This group will primarily focus on parents, and will create a safe, culturally relevant space for parenting needs, breast/chest feeding and lactation support, and opportunities for building social connections with the members of the group. During COVID-19, it is expected that the group will occur online, and when our local and state restrictions change, it may change to being in-person as is safe to do so.

Preferred Skills and Experience:

- Formal or informal education in child development, early childhood education, social work or related field.
- 2 years' experience facilitating groups
- Ability to write and speak effectively with all audiences
- Technology: Computer literacy; Proficiency in the use of Microsoft office programs.
- Local work experience; familiarity with Thurston County social service resources
- Experience working with diverse populations
- Bilingual, preferably English and Spanish
- Cultural and linguistic competency

Licenses and Other Requirements:

- Ability to pass a comprehensive background check

Primary Responsibilities:

- Design and implement various marketing tools to support initial and ongoing participation in the program.
- Coordinate support group meeting time, venue, and focus areas.
- Identify topics of interest from the group and facilitate conversations either through curriculum development, guest speakers or facilitated conversations between peers.
- Encourage participation and provide focus and guidance for group discussions to facilitate meaningful conversations and shared learning opportunities between Womxn of Color.
- Negotiate/facilitate conflicts or disagreements that may arise during group meetings.
- Support participants in sharing their lived experience and personal parenting expertise while ensuring that information shared is accurate, developmentally appropriate and safe.
- Create a supportive and safe space for participants while maintaining boundaries and client confidentiality.
- Collect and enter data into the agencies client services database.
- Maintain knowledge of community resources and programs available through the organization. Make referrals as appropriate.

- Support participants in identifying additional social support opportunities

To apply for this position, please email your professional resume, cover letter, and contact information for three professional references to Natalies@fscss.org or mail to Family Support Center of South Sound 3545 7th Ave SW Suite 200, Olympia WA 98502. No phone calls please.

Position open until filled.

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