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POSITION TITLE: Family Resource Navigator

REPORTS TO: Prevention Program Manager

HIRING RANGE: \$22.04-\$23.04 per hour DOQ; full position range \$22.04-\$23.54 per hour

BENEFITS: Full benefits package including: medical, dental, vision, holidays (90 hours per fiscal year, days chosen by employee), vacation (2 weeks per year- accrued per hour worked), and sick leave (12 days/year- accrued per hour worked).

HOURS: Full time 35hours per week, Monday-Thursday 9-5, Friday 9-2PM. Occasional nights/weekends.

LOCATION: This position is based full-time at our West Olympia location.

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 and Survivors*". Family Support Center seeks to build strong, healthy, safe, and hopeful families through collaborative programs and services, to reduce the impacts of family and child poverty, homelessness, and family violence in the South Sound community.

Position Summary: The Family Resource Navigator works with families to mitigate current crises in their life, which often includes preventing evictions, keeping essential utilities turned on, connecting their children to enrichment programs or school support programs, and working with families to increase their overall economic and housing stability. The Resource Navigator is responsible for ensuring the resources they refer families to are current, applicable and that the household meets the eligibility requirements. It is more than providing brochures and phone numbers; the Navigator makes the direct connection to the programs and resources so that families don't have to navigate community programs independently. The Resource Navigator provides comprehensive case management support and eviction rent prevention assistance funds to households who are eligible for the program, working alongside families to increase their overall housing and family stability.

Preferred Skills & Experience:

- Experience: A minimum of 1 year of experience working directly with families providing case management/ home visitation /advocacy/resource and referral or related work experience
- Technology: Computer literacy; Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office programs, Zoom, Google platform
- Education: Bachelor's degree in social services or related field. May substitute comparable work experience for education
- Bilingual/Bicultural Spanish/English
- Familiarity with Thurston County social service resources
- Experience working with diverse populations
- Experience providing crisis intervention
- Experience working with survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Transportation: Must have insured personal vehicle and be willing to travel locally

Licenses and Other Requirements:

- Washington State Driver's License
- Fully insurable driving record
- Ability to pass a comprehensive background check

Primary Responsibilities:

- Work directly with families who are experiencing situations of crisis or challenge, including pending evictions, utility shut-offs, parenting struggles, domestic violence, etc., and work to mitigate and resolve their crisis through connection to available community and organizational resources

- Complete thorough intakes and assessments, including but not limited to Coordinated Entry, housing barriers assessment, housing stability plan, etc. to best support the family in achieving their goals
- Complete Targeted Prevention Screening Tools with households who are imminently homeless, working to identify potential households to enroll on the program
- Enroll eligible households onto the program, completing necessary intake paperwork, goal plans, barrier assessments, verifications, and collect required documentation in order to process eviction rent prevention assistance requests
- Provide comprehensive case management to households receiving EPRA assistance, working with families to achieve greater housing stability
- Manage a caseload of 30-35 households at any given time
- Promptly respond to phone calls and emails from households seeking support and schedule follow-up appointments as necessary
- Meet with families on both a walk-in and scheduled basis, remaining flexible to the current needs of the families seeking services
- Distribute flexible financial assistance and/or rental assistance funds when available
- Provide one-on-one support to assist clients in meeting their goals including eviction prevention, resume development, interview prep, job search, budgeting, credit repaired
- Coordinate and participate in outreach activities to support increased service to underserved populations throughout Thurston County, including co-locating onsite at community partners such as Tumwater Community Schools, ROOF, Cielo, food bank, North Thurston Family Resource Center, etc.
- Remain flexible and responsive to the needs of families, which includes the ability to provide home visitation and mobile advocacy to meet families in mutually agreed-upon locations (as permitted by COVID-19 guidance), as well as telephonic and video meetings
- Ensure children are enrolled and attending appropriate care and/or education services. Assess and evaluate the needs of the children and provide appropriate referrals, resources, and provisions
- Maintain knowledge of Family Support Center programs and on-site partner agencies; make appropriate in-house referrals
- Maintain accurate and thorough electronic client files; comply with grant funding requirements, and collect and report data monthly
- Enter data into applicable databases, including but not limited to Apricot and HMIS.
- Represent Family Support Center at community meetings applicable to the position, and report back to the larger staff of community updates and resource availability
- Participate in Family Support Center's on-call rotation to provide backup support to staff in the evenings; approximately 3-4 weeks per year
- Participate in weekly supervision with direct supervisor, as well as twice-monthly all staff meetings and other all team meetings as requested
- Other duties as assigned

To apply for this position, please email your professional resume, cover letter, and contact information for three professional references to hr@fscss.org or fax documents to 360-943-1139 ATTN: Hiring, or mail to Family Support Center of South Sound 3545 7th Ave SW Suite 200, Olympia WA 98502. No phone calls.

Position open until filled.

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