



JOB TITLE: Foster Care Family Consultant

REPORTS TO: Family Consultant Supervisor

REQUIREMENTS: Master's degree in social work, psychology, education counseling, or a related field OR a Bachelor's Degree with two years' experience in the field of childcare.

ADDITIONAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Must be at least 21 years of age, possess a current Georgia Driver's License, receive an acceptable criminal records check, child protective services check, motor vehicle check. Must demonstrate flexibility, strong written and oral communication skills, computer efficiency, strong analytical skills, and in- depth knowledge of child welfare best practices. Must be culturally competent and have the ability to work within a team.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Family Consultant is responsible for ensuring the overall safety, permanency, and well-being of foster children placed within Bloom foster homes.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Ensure the permanency, safety, and well-being of every assigned foster child while maintaining a caseload range of up to 15 children.
- Ensure compliance within GA SCORE and GA SHINES.
- Ensure that every assigned foster child receives individualized case management and service coordination services.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist in the development and management of treatment plans including medication concerns with the input of the family, legal guardian or significant others.
- Establish a formal process for reviewing cases and manage information transferring between agencies and referral sources.
- Provide case management services to foster children to include advocating on behalf of the client and family with social service agencies, court, police, medical, school and other mental health professionals.
- Conduct home visits and provides ongoing assessments to ensure foster homes remain viable for placements.

- Provide support to foster children and consultation to foster parents. May refer children to counseling, psychiatric and psychological services.
- Comply with paperwork requirements established by DHS, OPM, ORCC, and Bloom.
- Provide stabilization services on a crisis basis to prevent placement disruption.
- Participate in the On-Call rotation via the emergency after-hours cell phone in order to respond to foster care referrals and provide emergency assistance to Bloom foster parents and foster children.
- Assist with child placing services including identifying and contacting an appropriate Bloom foster parent and coordinating arrangements between the state placement worker and the Bloom foster parent.
- Participate in individual supervision, case conferences, staff meetings, case planning meetings, and team meetings.
- May be asked to represent Bloom at community and civic functions to market the program.
- Maintain knowledge of current trends and developments in the field by reading appropriate books, journals and literature and attending conferences and workshops.
- Provide supportive services to a child or children in Bloom foster care with mild/moderate/severe emotional, behavioral, or physical needs.
- May provide therapeutic services OR plan and coordinate additional service/interventions to a child or children with emotional, behavioral, or physical needs placed with our agency.
- Complete necessary documentation within GA SCORE, GA SHINES, Childtrax, and other systems within the mandated reporting deadlines.
- Maintain up-to-date and accurate case records on all assigned foster children.
- Provide training and resource development to foster parents specific to the needs of their respective foster child(ren).
- Provide in-service training to other staff as appropriate.
- Complete Monthly Quality Assurance checks of each assigned foster home.
- Adhere to all mandating and critical incident reporting guidelines.
- Participate in the Bloom strategic planning and PQI processes.
- Assist with other miscellaneous duties as assigned.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS: This is a full time position requiring flexibility of schedule. Some weekends and nights required. Travel throughout the metro Atlanta area, Fayette County, and surrounding areas.

HOW TO APPLY: Please send cover letter and resume to jobopening@bloomouryouth.org. No phone calls please.