

Social Worker

Progressive Life Center (PLC) is one of the mid-Atlantic's largest and most respected non-profit agencies serving vulnerable children and families. PLC is recognized for its pioneering work in developing culturally responsive approaches to mental health and child and family development. Our services include foster and kinship care, afterschool educational programs, mentoring, adoption placement, independent living skills, parenting support, mental health counseling and crisis hotlines. PLC has offices in Washington DC, Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. This position will be based in Landover, MD.

Program Summary:

The NIA - Foster Care program provides comprehensive long-term temporary child placement services. NIA places children from birth to twenty-years old in the care of trained and certified families while they heal, adjust, and prepare for a permanent home. The mission is to minimize the time each of our children spends waiting for this permanent home.

Position Description:

Progressive Life Center is seeking a **Licensed Social Worker** to provide individual and family therapeutic intervention to clients and families.

The incumbent will be responsible for case management, and maintaining confidential, comprehensive clinical case files; providing relevant crisis intervention and advocacy services; conduct intakes and matching of new referrals; conduct psychosocial assessments and home studies; assist clients in identification and coordination of utilization of appropriate community resources; and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

1. Bachelors or Master's degree in Social Work from an accredited college or university.
2. MD Licensed Bachelor Social Worker or Licensed Graduate Social Worker.
3. Two (2) years child welfare experience.
4. Proficiency in oral and written communication.
5. Bilingual in English/Spanish is desirable.
6. Skills in formulating diagnostic statements, treatment plans, and permanency plans.
7. Proficiency in MS Office Suite.
8. Owner of reliable vehicle.
9. Certificate in NTU Service Delivery Model within one (1) year of hire.

We offer exceptional benefits package with an opportunity for personal and professional growth, EOE.

Benefits:

1. Clinical Training
2. Continuing Education Units
3. Fringe Benefits
4. Investment package

Physical Demands:

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- Ability to remain in a stationary position 50% of the time.
- Ability to occasionally move about inside the office to access file cabinets, office machinery, etc.;
- Ability to operate a computer and other office productivity machinery;
- Ability to position self to stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl;
- Ability to frequently communicate with employees/customers/clients; and must be able to exchange accurate information by perceiving the nature of sound, near and far vision, depth perception, providing oral and written information;
- Ability to frequently move files weighing up to 20 pounds throughout the office space;
- Ability to be on call and often respond to situations during off hours which can disrupt normal sleep patterns and cause fatigue;
- Ability to physically restrain children when required and protect him/her in physically confrontational situations;
- Ability to face a significant amount of emotional stress which can cause related physical stress;
- In cases of child relocation, the incumbent may be required to assist the child by carrying belongings and must often lift, carry and/or comfort small children.

Work Environment:

- Normal office environment or residential facility, but also may travel locally to visit clients within their homes, meet with service providers, and/or attend meetings:

- Schools, hospitals, mental health clinics, private practices, prisons, corporations, and numerous public and private agencies.
- Specialize in one or more of over 40 practice areas – including Disaster Relief, Child Welfare Services, and Homeless Family Assistance, among many others.

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