

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
ADULT SYSTEMS OF CARE**

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY

**PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER I/II
TIES for Families**

RESTRICTED TO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYEES

TIES for Families is seeking a highly-motivated, organized and clinically-competent individual to fill the full-time position of Psychiatric Social Worker I/II to work with children and families. TIES (Training, Intervention, Education, Service) is a Community-defined Evidence-based Treatment that facilitates the adoption of children ages birth to 18 who are in foster care when return to their birth parents is not possible. Services are offered as children are transitioned to an adoptive home to promote attachment and avoid escalation of behavior problems. Services available following placement include: (1) medical consultation, (2) educational consultation and advocacy, (3) developmental, psychological, psycho-educational, psychiatric/medication evaluations, (4) individual/family counseling, and (5) support and therapy groups for parents and children. Evidence-based treatments are emphasized within a framework that promotes secure attachment, including, Mindful Parenting (infant/toddler parent groups), Reflective Parenting Program, Incredible Years, and Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT). The clinic also serves birth families who are seeking to reunify with their children who are in foster care or who are at risk of having their children detained by child welfare. TIES for Families is part of Project ABC to provide services to children birth through five within a system of care that is family driven and culturally competent. The clinic provides Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (MAT) evaluations for newly detained children in foster care.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ✦ Provide comprehensive psychosocial assessment of child and family.
- ✦ Provide direct service, including, individual, family and group therapy, case management, and consultation. Some field work in the home or school may be required and possibly MAT assessments.
- ✦ Coordinate consultations with other TIES disciplines and present findings to prospective adoptive parents pre-placement. Follow with timely interdisciplinary report that includes assessment findings and recommendations.
- ✦ Interface with Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Health Services (DHS), DMH, school, Regional Center or other community agencies within the children's system of care.
- ✦ Attend Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings, DCFS Team Decision-making (TDM) and other pertinent meetings to advocate for child.
- ✦ Maintain quality assurance with regard to federal/state/DMH billing and documentation requirements.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✦ Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- ✦ Bilingual Spanish language proficiency. Cultural competency
- ✦ Experience with birth to five population.
- ✦ Work well with multidisciplinary team.

- ✦ Clinical experience providing mental health services to children ages birth to five in foster care, or who have experienced trauma or abuse.
- ✦ Ability to establish collaborative working relationships with individuals in DCFS and DMH clinical programs, as well as, with contracted providers. Knowledge of services available for children within Service Area 8.
- ✦ Familiarity with child development, foster care, grief and loss issues, adoption and attachment.
- ✦ Knowledge of evidence-based treatments for children and adolescents.
- ✦ Experience providing field-based services, such as, home visiting, multi-disciplinary teams, and children's system of care.
- ✦ Organized individual with the ability to maintain clinical caseload and stay current with reports, billing and all other DMH paperwork.

Interested applicants holding the title of Psychiatric Social Worker II or Psychiatric Social Worker I should submit their resume, last two Performance Evaluations and last year of master time card records by September 12, 2013, to:

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