Outpatient Therapist

Want to join one of South Texas’ premier child welfare agencies in “restoring innocence and strengthening families?” The Children’s Shelter is waiting for you! Since 1901, The Children’s Shelter has touched countless lives and every year, serves over 4,000 clients. Become part of the Harvey E. Najim Hope Center at the Children’s Shelter. The Hope Center team provides high-quality, trauma-informed care for children and families, teens and adults, who are referred for outpatient therapy services.

The Children’s Hope Center therapist provides trauma-focused evidence-based treatment to children, youth, and families exposed to various kinds of traumatic events. Treatment services include assessment of trauma, crisis intervention, individual, group, and family therapy, family advocacy and safety planning and other interventions. This position provides services at the Hope Center and the new Whataburger Center for Children and Youth.

Responsibilities Include:

- Provides diagnostic assessment and treatment services, including individual, family and group counseling sessions, for children using one or more evidence-based treatment models, including: Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Trust-Based Relational Interventions (TBRI), Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) and Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT).
- Provides diagnostic assessment and treatment services, for individual adult clients referred for trauma therapy using one or more evidence-based treatment models, which may include Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Trust-Based Relational Interventions (TBRI), Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) or other standardized assessment tools.
- Completes all required documentation for assigned cases in accordance with acceptable clinical standards, to include assessment reports, treatment plans and routinely reviews treatment plans to accomplish identified goals. Prepares and discusses client discharge plans.
- Responsible for formulating, implementing and documenting treatment strategies for clients and their families on their assigned caseload in a timely manner.
- Maintains client records in accordance with applicable standards to include Council on Accreditation, TMHP and agency standards.
- Coordinates needed psychiatric referrals for assigned clients; attends and participates in treatment team meetings.
- Functions as member of Hope Center clinical team, coordinating services with social workers, Medical Director, psychiatric residents, and administrative staff.

Requirements:
The applicant is required to have a clinical license as an LPC and be eligible to bill Medicaid.

- Must be in “good standing” with Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.
- Minimum three years clinical experience in community mental health with emphasis on underserved at-risk children and adolescents or adults.
- Preferred experience working with foster care, child welfare, court system and community mental health.
- Knowledge of State Minimum Standards requirements for therapeutic services and familiar with difficult to place clients.
- Demonstrated ability working with multi-cultural populations, particularly Latino. Knowledge and awareness of issues of race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity is important.
- Clinical training and experience providing trauma-informed treatments to clients and families with complex trauma and attachment difficulties related to abuse, neglect, interpersonal and community violence, and foster care placement.
- Required to be trained in Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.
- Skilled in organizing work in a responsible way in an environment with multiple challenges and priorities.

Job Type: Full-time
Experience: 3-5 years (Required)
Education: Master’s Degree (Required)
License: Licensed Professional Counselor