LIFE MANAGEMENT CENTER OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, INC. JOB DESCRIPTION

DATE ESTABLISHED: 11/09/2015 **DATE AMENDED:** 11/09/2015

TITLE OF POSITION: Home Finder

POSITION NUMBER: 60 - 02

PROGRAM: Children's Services

COMPONENT: Adoptions and Related Services (ARS)

MINIMUM TRAINING AND CREDENTIALS: Bachelor's degree in a social work or a related human services field form an accredited university or college and two years direct experience working with children and families. Must successfully complete the Child Protection Professional Certification (may be completed post-hire). Recertification is required within each 3-year period. Driver's license in good standing and vehicular insurance as specified by personnel policies -#3711. Reliable personal transportation, which is suited for the transportation of clients. Certification in Basic First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (may be obtained post-employment).

Compliance with minimum standards for screening of mental health personnel as contained in F.S. 394.4572.

SUPERVISOR: Component Director, Adoptions

POSITIONS SUPERVISED: None

SALARY MINIMUM: \$34,250 prior to completion of Phase 1 Child Protection

Professional Training

\$35,250.00 following successful completion

\$36,250 Fully Capable

WAGE AND HOUR STATUS: Non-Exempt

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:*

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: (Essential functions of this position are listed below. The position also includes additional functions as needed and/or assigned by supervisor.)

- 1. Develop targeted recruitment efforts that will occur at least once a quarter for special needs children who do not have identified homes.
- 2. Develop and facilitate a support team for each child without an identified home.
- 3. Develop written child specific recruitment plans.

- 4. Ensure children without identified homes are placed in the National Adoption databases within 30 days of the filing of the TPR order and information and pictures are updated every six months to one year.
- Work closely with Foster Parent Support Services, Dependency Case Management and Adoptions Specialist staff to understand the child's history and discover possibilities for permanent homes.
- 6. Perform Post Termination of Parental Rights Case Planning and Judicial Reviews and updates for children without identified homes.
- 7. Compile and complete child background studies in the absence of an identified home.
- 8. Ensure that each child with an identified home has a life book.
- 9. Help, plan, coordinate and facilitate pre-placement visitation once a Forever Family is identified and approved.
- 10. Counsel and prepare the child for adoption; engage the child in discussion about recruitment efforts.
- 11. Coordinate services and resources to meet the needs of the child in preparation for adoption.
- 12. Provide information and initial screening to adoption inquiries.
- 13. Complete home studies for families who complete QPT and do not have an identified child.
- 14. Conduct Match Staffings to help determine the most appropriate family when there is more than one interested party.
- 15. Participate in the Heart Gallery to help mobilize opportunities to feature children in need of homes.
- 16. Participate in adoptive parent preparation groups including Quality Parenting Training (QPT).
- 17. Participate in district and/or statewide initiatives designed to enhance recruitment and retention of adoptive and foster/adopt homes.
- 18. Participate in activities for staff, program, and Center development.

^{*}Expectations regarding quality of work are further delineated in the criteria-based performance appraisal for this position.

OTHER ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- 1. Staff travels between multiple work sites and in multi-county service region.
- 2. Provide training and marketing activities on a flexible basis that includes evening and weekend availability.
- 3. Transports clients as needed.

Physical Requirements:

Activity			Expectation		
Standing			☐ Minimal		☐ Frequent
Sitting			☐ Minimal		□Frequent
Driving vehicles			□Minimal	☑ Moderate	☐ Frequent
Lifting and/or Carrying			☐ Minimal	☑ Moderate	☐ Frequent
Bending and/or Stooping			☐ Minimal	⊠Moderate	☐ Frequent
Climbing Stairs and/or Ladders			☑ Minimal	☐ Moderate	☐ Frequent
Walking or Moving (between offices, other facilities, etc.)			☐ Minimal	☐ Moderate	⊠Frequent
Other (lift above waist/reaching	ng etc., please explain)		☐ Minimal	☑ Moderate	☐ Frequent
Speaking: Hearing: Reading Comprehension: Repetitive motion with had (e.g keyboard, typing, had Ability to lift and carry up to 2 Ability to handle stressful situ	ands, wrists, arms andwriting, etc.) 5 pounds.	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Mes	□ No □ No □ No □ No		
	Infrequent	Occas	ional	Frequent	N/A*
Travel Same Day				×	
Travel Overnight	X				
Overtime (Non-Exempt only)		X			
Holidays/Weekends	X				
Shift Work (PMs/Midnights)					X
Copy received by:					* Not Anticipated

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