Life Coach (Family Connect- Connect LA - South LA)

Pay: $16-18/hr, commensurate with experience

Organization: Sanctuary of Hope (SOH) is a nonprofit that provides education and housing stabilization services to Transitional Age Youth (TAY), ages 16-24, who are homeless, foster care, or at-risk in South Los Angeles and South Bay. SOH helps youth and young adults build self-reliance by helping them overcome poverty, trauma, low educational achievement, unemployment, and lack of well-being.

Summary: The Life Coach for the Family Connect – Connect LA program restores, fosters, and strengthens healthy relationships while assisting homeless or at-risk youth with reconnecting their families. The goal of the program is to strengthen a youth’s family relationship and resolve family conflict so that s/he can return home and lead a productive life as quickly as possible or over a short period of time. Additionally, the life coach assists youth with linkages to community-based resources, such as education, benefits, and employment.

Duties and Responsibilities:

• Provide field-based life coaching and support services, including linkages to wraparound services, applying strengths-based, Positive Youth Development, and consumer-centered approaches.
• Securing financial help or assistance if needed, providing transportation to reunite with family outside of Los Angeles County.
• Assisting youth in alternative housing if youth is unable to reunite with the family.
• Responding to CES and other community stakeholder requests.
• Providing referrals to education and employment programs; and legal services.
• Provide job readiness to support increased income for contribution to the households or if other housing options need to be secured (e.g., resume writing, support in applying for jobs, interview preparation, etc.)
• Building permanent connections and support systems
• Utilize personal vehicle, in good working order, to transport youth to appointments when necessary.
• Work with SOH team members and community partners, and with input from youth, develop and implement engaging activities and outings.
• Help youth identify and find housing options including assisting with completing housing and credit check applications.
• Perform recordkeeping and reporting of program activities on electronic reporting systems (Social Solutions, HMIS, etc.) for outcomes and evaluation; and complete progress notes and program-related reporting as required.
• Report issues and problems to management.
• Attend weekly staff meetings and Youth CES Care Coordination meetings
• Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Program Director.
• Comply with contract and goals and outcomes.

Education:
BA in human services field

Qualifications:
• Demonstrated experience in working with at-risk youth to reach their housing, employment, or education goals
• Proficient in Microsoft Office applications
• Demonstrated experience in one or more of the following areas: mental health, chemical dependency, emotional/behavioral special education, at-risk youth issues
• Demonstrated knowledge of and ability to work effectively with youth with a variety of identities, cultures, and backgrounds including ethnic/racial minorities and LGBTQ youth
• Knowledge of Trauma-Informed Care and Practices a plus
• Ability to pass drug screening ● Ability to work collaboratively, but independently
• Ability to pass a criminal and child abuse index background check
• Reliable transportation and clean DMV record

Certificates, Licenses, Registrations:
● Valid California Driver’s License and proof of auto insurance
● Adult CPR & Basic First Aid
● TB Test Clearance

Position is grant funded; in addition to other specified conditions of employment, it is understood that no guarantee of continued employment, beyond the availability of current funds, is expressed or implied by Sanctuary of Hope.

Sanctuary of Hope provides equal employment opportunity to all qualified individuals without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, religious belief, sex, age, physical or mental disability, veteran status or other protected classification.

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