

# JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

## Therapist I (unlicensed) Mental Health Services



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All applicants must submit an updated resume to [hr05@paralosninos.org](mailto:hr05@paralosninos.org) for immediate consideration.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE:**

Para Los Niños (PLN) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help children and their families succeed in school and in life. Founded in 1980 as a child development center for 45 children living in Skid Row hotels, the organization has grown to annually provide comprehensive services to over 20,000 children and their families living in poverty. Our programs include early childhood education, elementary and middle school, family services, mental health and workforce services.

### **Definition:**

Under the supervision of the Mental Health Coordinator, the Therapist I is responsible for completing clinical assessments and providing therapy to individuals, families and groups. The Therapist I will provide psychotherapeutic services to children, youths, adults and families.

### **Duties:**

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Carries our Mission, Vision, and Values established by the President/C.E.O. and Board of Directors.
- Promotes and supports the mental health of clients.
- Participates in the agency Continuous Quality Improvement process for the division.
- Participates in the ongoing Quality Assurance efforts for the provision of mental health services to children and families.
- Provides an array of clinical services to clients including: psychiatric assessments; crisis intervention; clinical child abuse treatment; individual, family, and group therapy.
- Participates in weekly case conferences and training provided by the clinical services program.
- Provides therapy at the home or other locations when clients are unable to come to the office for treatment.
- Follows state laws regarding mental health issues and confidentiality.
- Maintains client files to level of requirements mandated in agency policy and completes documentation in a timely manner.
- Must be able to produce documentation in Standard English which is legible and coherent. Must be adept at the use of computer software programs (MS Outlook/Word/Excel) and database driven documentation program (experience with Exym a plus)
- Prepares correspondence and reports in connection with case requirements by legal and contracting entities i.e., child protective services, probation, courts, Department of Mental Health, etc.
- Must be able to maintain positive working collaborative relationships with clinical services staff.
- Performs other job related duties as directed by supervisor or director.

**Qualifications:**

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills, and/or abilities required to perform the job successfully.

**Education/Experience**

- MSW, MFT or MA in related field
- Holds a MFT Intern registration
- At least one year or more of experience working with low-income children and families.

**Special Skills/Knowledge/Abilities**

- Have knowledge of evaluation of risk for suicidal and homicidal ideation, imminent danger and knows appropriate intervention.
- Have skills in providing counseling and therapy to clients experiencing emotional distress and crisis.
- Knowledge of child abuse/crisis intervention techniques.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Bilingual (E/S) required.

**Special Requirements**

- Must have a reliable automobile for use on the job (mileage to be reimbursed).
- Valid California Driver License. State required automobile insurance coverage.
- TB clearance, to be renewed every two years.

**Physical Requirements:**

To perform this job the individual must be able to carry out all essential functions satisfactorily. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

Approximately fifty percent of the time is spent sitting, while frequently required to walk, stand & bend. Must be able to talk and hear well. Good vision is imperative. Occasionally required to stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. Employee will be required to lift and/or move unassisted up to twenty-five pounds. Field work required.

- Salary:** Negotiable depending on education & experience.
- Status:** Exempt /Full-time
- Location:** Mental Health Services- 849 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Los Angeles, CA 90021
- Benefits:** PLN offers an excellent benefit package, which includes full health, Dental, vision and life insurance, FSA, EAP, vacation, sick days, holidays and 401k plan.

**\*\*Position is open until this announcement no longer appears on our website\*\***

*Para Los Niños is an equal opportunity employer.*