



Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Position Description

Title: Social Worker I or II
FLSA: Non-Exempt
Pay Grade: 7-8 (\$20.88-\$32.01)
Subordinates: None

Department: Community & Family Services
Status: Full Time
Supervisor: Family Services Program Manager
Grant Funded: Partial

Position Summary:

Social Worker is a professional position responsible for providing a wide range of case management and supportive services to Indian families. They assist clients in understanding the causes of their problems and work with them to modify and change attitudes and behavior. Social workers assist families and individuals in developing case plans to address safety issues and to correct problems that create substantial risk factors. When necessary social workers may initiate court action to protect children and vulnerable adults.

The overall responsibilities of the Social Worker include, but are not limited, to Child Welfare Services, Indian Child Welfare Act compliance, Senior Services, Alcohol & Substance Prevention programs, Family Violence Prevention Services, and other related programs as assigned. Duties may also include program administrative services, assistance in the budgeting process, coordinating and assisting in writing and administering grants. The Social Worker II or Program Manager assists Social Worker I with unusual situations that do not have clear precedents or when clarification or interpretations of established policies/regulations are needed. Employees work with a high degree of independence in administering services and in using agency or community resources; working independently toward established objectives. Other duties will require the development and delivery of staff and clientele training materials, working with the Tribal Community to plan and deliver effective human services that meet the needs of the community.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Carries a varied caseload that includes ICWA, Tribal Court and other types of cases with problems of moderate difficulty.
2. Actively collaborates with local partners for joint case management for child welfare, elder abuse, mental health services or other services.
3. Interviews clients and performs case studies to determine social service needs.
4. Uses a variety of available assessment tools (Family Development Matrix, Structured Decision Making etc.) to assess risk and develop case plans.
5. Develops and carries out non-complex treatment plans for individuals and families.
6. Refers clients to other Tribal program staff as necessary.
7. Assists applicants and recipients in utilizing available resources.
8. Interprets policies, rules, and regulations of the agency to applicants, clients and others within the scope of their responsibility.
9. Makes home visits in connection with casework assignments.
10. Attends court proceedings in person or telephonically.
11. Prepares court reports and makes recommendations for court action.

12. Prepares and maintains case records using a variety of software or case management tools.
13. May be assigned to specialized functions.
14. Participates in in-service training and other staff development activities to increase knowledge of the social work processes and achieve technical competence.
15. Receives casework consultation from community partners.
16. Represent the Tribe to various agencies as well as externally to governmental agencies, funding agencies, national organizations, and the general public; performs community liaison and outreach activities for program(s)/project(s).
17. Assists clients with paperwork needed in applications for programs such as medical or financial assistance.
18. Ability to recognize the need for professional intervention and to be non-judgmental.
19. Knowledge of child development, family dynamics, family problems and stresses of parenting, substance abuse and domestic violence. Understanding of family dysfunction and ability to intervene successfully to improve family functioning.
20. Assists with licensing for foster and daycare homes.
21. Comprehensive knowledge of the history, culture and organization history of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation and the Tolowa people is preferred.
22. Other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

Social Worker I (Grade 7)

1. Associate degree level education in Social Work, Psychology, Sociology or closely related field required.
2. Bachelor's level preferred.
3. An equivalent combination of six (6) years education, specialized training and experience, may be considered.
4. Demonstrated ability to use technical writing techniques, required.
5. Computer and/or word processor, data base experience, required.
6. Demonstrated organizational skills, required.
7. Knowledge of current issues in the field of social welfare; social services programs including ICWA, child welfare, TANF, family violence, public welfare programs on the Federal, State, and local level, and other related programs.
8. Knowledge of: socio-economic conditions and trends; basic principles of individual and group behavior; principles of interviewing and problem-solving methodology; principles and techniques of interviewing and recording of social casework.
9. Knowledge of community organizations and the social problems calling for the use of public and private community resources.
10. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
11. Ability to comply with all applicable Federal or Tribal statues, regulations or ordinances.
12. Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community.
13. Ability to gather data, compile information and prepare reports, including organizing and maintaining work detail.
14. Ability to maintain confidentiality in accordance with applicable legal standards and regulations.

15. Operate a personal computer and other office equipment; use related software.
16. Analyze data, interpret directions, procedures and regulations, and develop appropriate responses.
17. Ability to develop, plan, and implement short- and long -range goals for clients.
18. Understanding of Tribal Governments and Tribal programs, Federal regulations and state policies, preferred.
19. Must submit to and pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen and criminal background investigation.
20. Qualified Indian Preference applies.

Social Worker II (Grade 8)

1. A Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, sociology or closely related field and four (4) years' experience or a Master 's degree in social work, psychology , sociology or related field or a combination of education and work experience.
2. Must perform all the essential duties and responsibilities of SW I with independence and autonomy.
3. Carry a complex caseload that includes ICWA, Tribal Court, Juvenile Wellness and other types of cases with problems of moderate to high difficulty.
4. Provide in service training to staff and volunteers.
5. Develop and implement complex treatment plans for families and individuals.
6. Provide support and limited direction to Social Service Aides and SW I.
7. Carry out specialized assignments such as grant planning, development and reporting, quality assurance, forms and procedure development, etc.
8. Demonstrated ability to handle a complex caseload serving a variety of clients.
9. Advanced knowledge of Tribal, State and Federal policies and regulations.
10. Advanced knowledge of current issues in the field of social welfare; social services programs including ICWA, child welfare, TANF, family violence, public welfare programs on the Federal, State, and local level, and other related programs.
11. Demonstrated ability to manage a complex caseload for various programs (i.e. child welfare, juvenile wellness, Elder services, domestic violence, etc.).
12. Advanced knowledge of child development, family dynamics, family problems and stresses of parenting, substance abuse and domestic violence. Understanding of family dysfunction and ability to intervene successfully to improve family functioning.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

None.

Language Skills:

Ability to read, analyze, and interpret technical manuals, and government regulations. Ability to write reports, business correspondence, and procedure manuals, ability to effectively present information and respond to questions, while facilitating group meetings.

Mathematical Skills:

Ability to work with mathematical concepts, ability apply concepts such as fractions, percentages, ratios, and pro-rations.

Reasoning Ability:

Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral,

or diagram form. Ability to deal with problems involving several concrete variables in standardized situations.

Certificates, Licenses, Registrations:

A valid driver's license will be required at the time of appointment; employees may be required to drive their own vehicle, provide proof of financial responsibility and submit a DMV clearance.

Physical Demands:

While performing the duties of this job the employee is regularly required to sit, use hands and fingers, handle and feel. The employee is frequently required to stand, walk, and ascend and descend steps. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 30 pounds and occasionally lift and/move 50 pounds.

Position requires occasional overnight travel. Requires the ability to drive 7 hours within a 24 hour period.

Vision Requirements:

1. Close vision (clear vision at 20 inches or less).
2. Distance vision (clear vision at 20 feet or more).
3. Color vision (ability to identify and distinguish color).

Work Environment:

The work environment temperature can fluctuate between 50-80 degrees Fahrenheit due to open doors and windows. The job will require inside and outside activities on a daily basis. There are many distractions and the noise level does escalate during physical activity times. The environment can be active due to sheer numbers of children and families in close proximity.

Additional Employment Conditions:

All Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation employees must submit to a background check and abide by all Tribal, federal, and state laws. All employees must comply with Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation drug free workplace policy and will be subject to pre-employment, for-cause, and post-accident drug and alcohol testing.

Section 408 of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-630) requires an investigation of the character of each individual who is employed, or is being considered for employment, in a position with duties and responsibilities that involve regular contact with or control over Indian children. A criminal history investigation will be performed and the applicant must meet the minimum standards of the Act.

In compliance with TDN laws and policies, the applicant must be in good standing with TDN and its entities. Past employment will also be taken into consideration.

Acknowledgment:

I have read this job description and fully understand the requirements set forth herein. I hereby accept this position and agree to abide by the requirements set forth and will perform all duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation has reviewed this job description to ensure that essential functions and basic duties have been included. It is not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all function, responsibilities, skills and abilities. Additional functions and requirements may be assigned by Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation as deemed appropriate. I further understand that my employment is at-will and thereby understand that my employment can be terminated at-will by the facility or myself, and that such termination can be made with or without notice.

Employee's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Date: _____