



***Bilingual
Family Support Specialist
Early Childhood Initiative
Position Description***

RISE is an emerging leader in coordinated care and mental health service delivery in Dane County and the Greater Madison area. We embrace a strengths-based approach in partnering with others to address the mental health and wellness needs of our community. We value collaboration, learning, and growth. We encourage personal and professional growth in all positions in our agency and seek new talent that will continue to enrich and diversify our workplace perspective and our connection to the community.

The Bilingual Family Support Specialist (FSS) is responsible for developing strong relationships with enrolled families in order to serve as a support and resource person and to provide an array of clinical and case management services. The FSS is responsible for planning, developing, and implementing family support services that strengthen family relationships, enhance parent and child health and mental health, and broaden community supports for enrolled families. The FSS serves as a liaison between the family and the ECI team and other community agencies and initially assumes a lead role in social service coordination until the family is able to successfully lead this charge.

As with all positions at our agency, it is the duty of individual in this position to fully support the mission, vision, and values of the agency, to work in a coordinated manner with other employees, and to demonstrate professional and personal confidence in the service delivery model and approaches taken by the organization.

Position Responsibilities:

Case Management, Clinical, and Direct Service

1. Meet with families/participants in their homes or preferred community-based setting
2. Receive and review referrals of expectant parents and families with a child aged 0-12 months of age.
3. Implement comprehensive individualized assessments which may include written psychosocial assessment; standardized developmental, sensory and relational assessments; and with appropriate education, training, and supervision, development of diagnostic profile using DSM 5 or DC 0-3.
4. Partner with families to establish a realistic plan of action in response to assessed needs and stated goals.
5. Provide supportive counseling and case management services that are trauma-informed, culturally relevant, and non-stigmatizing. Direct service to individuals, families, and groups, with the appropriate level of education, training and supervision may include: parenting support and education, crisis intervention, counseling related to mental health/trauma/AoDA, facilitation of

groups, parent-child relational support, infant mental health services, Family Team Meeting facilitation, and intensive case management.

6. Assist the individuals and families with identifying and establishing natural and professional supports in the community. Advocates for families within the community to address barriers which may interfere with family growth and access to services.
7. Maintain contact with individuals and families to a degree sufficient to monitor and assist progress, typically at least one face to face contact per week.
8. Maintain a flexible schedule to accommodate program and consumer needs that may include evenings.
9. Outreach (community) may be asked to attend community events as a form of outreach and participant recruitment.

Administration

1. Complete and submit billing for all services.
2. Collect all necessary data for program evaluation as assigned.
3. Complete all consumer-related and program-related paperwork according to established guidelines for quality and timeliness
4. Follow guidelines for agency-specific paperwork, including staff-related items (e.g. time logs, EIO, expense reports, earned time requests, etc.) and client-related items (e.g. wraparound requests, card/petty cash logs, etc.)

Program Development & Implementation

1. Consult regularly with supervisor and colleagues regarding consumer strengths, needs and progress.
2. Continually develop clinical skills through weekly clinical/reflective supervision, reflective groups, training, and independent study.
3. Attend and actively participate in Program and agency meetings.
4. Contribute to growth, development, and enrichment of program and agency.
5. Plan, attend and participate in in-service trainings, conferences and outside training programs as authorized and directed.
6. Provide case related back-up and coverage services to colleagues as needed.
7. Assist in the development of program special events which provide opportunities for parent and family connection and growth.

Agency

1. Engage in ongoing examination of and engagement with one's own biases and continued work toward cultural humility.
2. Work with everyone embracing different perspectives and life experiences beyond one's own experience and perspective.
3. Attend and actively participate in program meetings and agency meetings.
4. Follow RISE's confidentiality guidelines to ensure program participant privacy.
5. Follow RISE's policies and procedures as cited in the Employee Handbook.

6. Perform other duties as requested by the direct supervisor or agency director that enhance the overall agency operation.
7. Hold a valid driver's license, have access to reliable transportation, and have a driving record that enables purchase of automobile insurance, in accordance with agency guidelines.
8. Any and all additional tasks as assigned.

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree OR a combination of coursework and experience in social work, psychology, child development or closely related field
- Bilingual in Spanish, French, Arabic, Hmong, or another language as deemed necessary by program (in addition to English) as determined by ALTA test and within RISE'S acceptable range
- Demonstrated experience working with individuals or families on issues related to parent education and support, community resources usage, case management and/or advocacy, and health and mental health
- Ability to drive self and others via vehicle
- Daily access to a reliable vehicle, with valid drivers' license and insurance
- Demonstrated written and verbal communication skills
- Experience working with others from diverse cultural backgrounds
- Commitment to strength-based, recovery-focused programming
- Commitment to cultural humility
- Ability and willingness to meet with participants in their homes or other community locations
- Demonstrated flexibility, initiative, and creativity
- Proficient computer skills, specifically in current versions of Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook and Power Point; and willingness to learn new skills as needed or required
- Ability to pay attention to detail and a commitment to quality and the timely completion of duties
- Demonstrated ability to work as a member of a team
- Ability to maintain a schedule that accommodates program and consumer needs, which may include some evenings

Preferred Qualifications:

- Master's Degree in social work, psychology, child development or closely related field
- Infant, Early Childhood and Family Mental Health Certification
- Knowledge of Dane County's community resources which benefit adults and families

HIPAA Regulations:

As a required part of employment with RISE, the employee must preserve all rights and protections under the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 for the consumer population served by this agency; it is the obligation of the employee to ensure that private health information is protected and that disclosures are permitted only with appropriate authorization. The employee is required to comply with all Federal and State regulations as part of the organization's HIPAA training which describes the policies and procedures for the agency.

Accountability:

The Bilingual Family Support Specialist is accountable to the Lead Family Support Specialist/Site Coordinator.

Employment Status: Regular, Full-time (40 hours/week)

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

Physical Demands:

In the office, the employee is required to sit at a desk and computer for long periods of time, is occasionally required to stand; use hands and fingers to operate and handle keyboards and computer controls. May be requested to lift materials of up to 20 lbs. Specific vision abilities required include close vision reading. The position requires sitting, standing, stooping, bending, lifting, walking, climbing, speaking and driving. The functions of this position are varied in nature and require the ability to make clear and concise presentations and to respond in an effective and appropriate manner during crisis. The employee is required to communicate effectively via verbal, audible and written means.

While performing the home visiting duties of this position involves employees sitting, standing, stooping, bending, lifting, walking, climbing, and speaking. The functions of this position are varied in nature and require the ability to make clear and concise presentations, and to respond in an effective and appropriate manner during crisis.

The Bilingual Family Support Specialist may be requested to lift children and/or materials of up to 35 lbs. unassisted, while also accessing a second-story location. This position requires dexterity with ability to push, pull, carry, balance and kneel to assist and perform activities with children. The employee must be able to supervise children through sight and sound. This position requires routine local driving. Specific vision abilities required include close and distance vision. The employee is required to communicate effectively via verbal, audible and written means.

Work Conditions/ Hours:

Office: Heated and air-conditioned open office/office environment. Noise level is usually low to moderate. Significant travel by vehicle required. The employee may be requested to drive self and others via vehicle. Regular schedule is very flexible, depending on program participants' needs. May be required to work some evenings, depending on program participants' needs and schedules.

Offsite visiting: This position requires the employee to provide services in the homes of families within the community. As such, work conditions in program participant homes will vary. The noise levels in the work environment may vary, as is expected when working with young children and families. Regular schedule is Monday through Friday, with some scheduling flexibility.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Application Instructions:

Send completed application form, cover letter and resume to:

Attn:

Human Resources

RISE

1334 Dewey Court

Madison, WI 53703

Alternatively, fax to (608) 250-6637 or e-mail to hr@risewisconsin.org

If you need technical assistance or an accommodation during the application/hiring process please email us at hr@risewisconsin.org or call (608) 250-6334.

- Application Form available at www.risewisconsin.org
- Application packet **must be complete** to be considered.
- Applications will be reviewed upon receipt.
- Please submit your application as soon as possible for early consideration. Position will remain open until filled.
- Criminal background check is required for employment.
- Valid Wisconsin Driver's License, access to reliable transportation, and automobile insurance are required

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The information written in this job description indicates the general nature and level of the work to be performed. This job description is not designed to contain or be interpreted as totally comprehensive of every job duty, responsibility, or qualification required by an employee assigned to this position. While employed in this position, an employee may be required to perform other duties not listed in the description. This document does not create an employment contract, implied or otherwise, other than an "at-will" employment relationship. RISE retains the discretion to add duties or change the duties of this position at any time.