

Position Advertisement: Forensic Interviewer

KIDS Center Forensic Interviewers embody the mission of making life better for others through their compassion and commitment to this work. They do so by working together with state child welfare workers, law enforcement, medical providers, and other social service agencies to create a supportive response to child abuse through a multi-disciplinary team approach. This position is responsible for gathering caregiver history from families and conducting video-recorded forensic interviews of children (primarily aged 4 – 17). The information collected will be synthesized in a written report. If you see yourself as a Child Forensic Interviewer, we invite you to apply for this opportunity. This position is based in Bend, Oregon and serves Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson, Sherman, Wheeler, and Harney counties.

Essential Functions

- Network with law enforcement and child protective agencies through contact with agency personnel.
- Conduct sensitive, thorough, and forensically sound interviews to obtain relevant information about allegations of abuse.
- Obtain information in a forensically sound neutral manner in compliance with the State of Oregon Forensic Interviewing Guidelines and other legal requirements for evidence.
- Conduct post-evaluation debrief sessions with parents/caregivers. Provide pertinent educational materials to families and make recommendations for referrals to appropriate community services.
- Collaborate with members of the KIDS Center Evaluation Team to support case staffing.
- Compose reports with pertinent information gathered from caregivers during the social history and from the child during the interview.
- Testify in court as to the results of the interviews with a child. Be thoroughly prepared to testify before Grand Jury and other court matter as requested.
- Promote community awareness of child abuse issues through educational trainings.
- Participate in regular peer reviews.
- Participate in Multi-Disciplinary team meetings.
- Conduct regional program trainings and/or participate in public speaking engagements related to forensic interviewing and KIDS Center as requested.

Requirements for Consideration

- Must be or have been a law enforcement officer or a DHS Child Welfare Worker.
- OR have a master's degree in a related field and two years of experience working with children
- OR have a bachelor's degree in a related field and four years of experience working with children
- OR have a combination of education and experience at least equivalent to the aforementioned.
- Ability to relate to children and adults of all ages, races, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds as well as professionals across multiple disciplines and individuals in crisis situations.
- Comfortable with technology, including video recording equipment.
- Excellent typing, verbal, and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to function on a team effectively.
- Demonstrated ability to produce legible, accurate, and timely written reports.
- Capacity for empathy.
- Ability to self-direct.

These Are A Plus

- LCSW, CSWA, LPC
- Bilingual in Spanish.

We are looking for someone excited about becoming a part of the work we do at KIDS Center. If you believe that's you, please send a resume and cover letter explaining why KIDS Center would be a fit to hrinfo@kidscenter.org.

Pay is \$33.90/hour.

KIDS Center is an equal opportunity employer. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the position. A state of Oregon criminal background check and a Department of Human Services Child Welfare background check is required for employment at KIDS Center.