



## **Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative**

### **Clinical Research Specialist**

The University of Maryland School of Social Work (UM SSW) is accepting applications for a Clinical Research Specialist to work for the Child Sex Trafficking Victims Services grant in a collaborative initiative between the School of Social Work and the Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR). This is a full-time, 12-month position.

The mission of the Ruth H Young Center for Families and Children (RYC) is to promote the safety, permanence, stability, and well-being of children, youth and families in their communities through:

- Education and training;
- Research and evaluation; and,
- Best practice community service programs.

The Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative is a new multi-year project of the RYC created to address the issue of child sex trafficking in child welfare by assisting DHR in building infrastructure for a statewide approach.

The Clinical Research Specialist hired is expected to have content area expertise in sexual abuse/exploitation or human trafficking or child welfare. A combination of the three would be ideal. This position is responsible for providing the highest technical expertise to research programs, studies and/or projects and overseeing research activities. The incumbent will have advanced preparation in the research and evaluation of mental health services and will have experience in clinical mental health care delivery, preferably within a public system or to underserved populations. This position requires approximately 25% travel in the Baltimore area and other in-state travel.

#### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Serve as Study Coordinator for the Child Sex Trafficking Initiative. Oversee projects, analyze data, and provide consultation regarding evaluation and data analysis.
- Develop, recommend, modify, and implement policies and procedures and/or methods for child sex trafficking response of DHR.
- Perform clinical research activities including data collection, data entry, data verification, data analysis, compliance and clinical relevance of data. Conduct library research and contributes to the preparation and writing of research findings for publication of journal articles and grant proposals.
- Perform administrative duties such as providing training and guidance to students and other clinical staff.
- Participate in the design of research studies. May recruit and screen subjects for research studies.



- Attend monthly Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force: Victim's Services subcommittee meetings and participate in activities of committee as required.
- Monitor all human trafficking referrals from local jurisdictions. Work with service providers, law enforcement, FBI, Homeland Security to ensure appropriate referral process and management of cases
- Assist with planning of and participation at Annual Human Trafficking Conference, including the provision of conference CEU's

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Public Health, Psychology, or related field. Doctoral or Master's degree preferred.
- Three (3) years experience in child welfare.

To be considered for the position, applicants should submit an application via the UM SSW website at

[https://www.healthcaresource.com/umbaltimore/index.cfm?fuseaction=search.jobDetails&template=dsp\\_job\\_details.cfm&cJobId=874436](https://www.healthcaresource.com/umbaltimore/index.cfm?fuseaction=search.jobDetails&template=dsp_job_details.cfm&cJobId=874436)

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