



Posting Date:	8/19/10	Closing Date:	9/17/10
Job Title:	Forensic Social Worker	Job Reference Code:	CDP-2010-010

MAJOR PURPOSE OF POSITION

The Criminal Practice has an open Forensic Social Work position in the Adolescent Intervention and Diversion Unit of the Bronx County office.

The position entails advocating for the Criminal Practice's youngest clients, ages 13-18. Duties include interviewing and assessing clients; investigating and writing sentencing advocacy reports; advocating in court for clients; coordinating service provision among child protective, detention, residential and community-based programs; and identifying and securing appropriate alternative-to-incarceration program placements. Candidates must be willing to work in a team setting with lawyers.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop casework plans in conjunction with the attorneys
- Develop alternative sentencing plans
- Assess a client's readiness for treatment
- Make referrals to drug, alcohol and/or mental health treatment
- Provide crisis intervention, brief treatment and psycho-education
- Interface with and advocate to judges, district attorney's offices, probation, ATIs, social services organizations, community organizations and educational facilities on behalf of clients
- Work with school officials to help clients succeed in school
- Appear in court on behalf of clients
- Provide consultations to attorneys and social workers regarding clients
- Provide interventions that continue to reduce recidivism
- Write psychosocial reports, pre-pleading and pre-sentencing memoranda

SECONDARY DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Other duties as assigned

TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Candidates must have strong assessment, writing and organizational skills; experience with working with adolescents and families; and an ability and desire to work in a team setting.
- Ability to interface with Judges, District Attorneys and Correctional Personnel
- Ability to negotiate with community based treatment centers
- Ability to write persuasively
- Strong organizational skills
- Strong computer skills
- Ability to work within a team model
- Candidates must have an MSW degree and NYS certification in social work (LMSW)

HOW TO APPLY

If you wish to be considered for this position, submit a cover letter and resume to the contact person listed below.

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