

Providence Children's Museum

Position: Family Therapist

Reports to: Families Together Program Director

Families Together therapists facilitate family visitation for families involved with Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). Therapists work closely with DCYF caseworkers.

Responsibilities

- Facilitate parent-child visits of court separated families at Providence Children's Museum, carrying a case-load of fifteen families
- Develop, in collaboration with the client family, a comprehensive plan to strengthen the family's ability to care for their children, with specific attention to their individual needs.
- Work from a strengths based perspective to improve the overall functioning of the family members
- Assess family strengths and needs and document observations
- Assist DCYF caseworkers with visitation, case planning, developing visitation goals and permanency plans
- Prepare reports as requested by DCYF caseworkers and Family Court
- As part of the treatment team, therapists work closely with caseworkers, counselors, Family Court attorneys and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) social workers and volunteers. They communicate with and, on occasion advise, foster parents, educators and day care providers.

Qualifications

Five years experience in the field of human development or human/social services; BSW or related degree (Masters level preferred). We seek compassionate, flexible individuals with experience/knowledge of child welfare and juvenile justice systems, parent /child visitation, individual and family therapy, and familiarity with current practices in substance abuse, domestic violence and mental health, and familiar with cultural differences in childrearing. A background in play/recreation therapy with children/families at risk is extremely helpful. Bilingual English/Spanish preferred.

