

# Social Worker Investigative/Assessment and Treatment (SWIAT)

Salary: \$35,755

Posted: Internal, ESC, Edgecombe County Website, NC Social Services Website

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION and POSITION NUMBER: - 165-40-152**

This position works within the Adult and Children Services program on Team I. The primary duties of this position is to receive and assess reports of neglect, abuse, exploitation, or dependency of children and the aged and disabled. Through the process of gathering preliminary information with the reporter, the worker must determine (with a supervisor) what further action is required. Serving in this role, the worker may encounter crises, which require skillful and thoughtful counseling in order to defuse extremely volatile situations. Worker is responsible for explaining the general statutes of child protective and adult protective services to reporters as it relates to making a referral. Worker may on occasion be involved in some case management areas as well as conducting some protective services activities in order to assess risks to the child/aged and disabled adult. Worker may also be involved in collateral contacts for urgent, high-risk situations. The employee may also be subject to on-call protective services rotation after hours and over holiday periods. Position performs other duties as assigned. A valid NC drivers' license and access to a passenger vehicle is required. Employees operating their personal vehicles for county business shall maintain the minimum liability coverage required by the state of North Carolina in accordance to the County Fleet Policy and Employee Safety Program (page 10, section G.) Child Welfare social workers must live within range of the beeper. Must be able to lift and carry a child. Position is located in Tarboro; however, office location may change based on the needs of the agency.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

Thorough knowledge of social work principles, techniques and practices and their application to complex casework, treatment, and investigation of abuse or neglect of children; thorough knowledge of policies and procedures as evidenced by the ability to cite the authority of federal and state law; thorough knowledge of individual and group behavior, family dynamics, and medical, behavioral and/or psychosocial problems and their treatment theory. Considerable knowledge of governmental and private organizations and resources in the community. Ability to interact and motivate a resistant involuntary client population and the public who may not agree with the laws, rules or policies of the process or the programs; ability to prepare documentation such as written investigative reports for the court, case records and treatment plans; ability to testify as an expert witness; ability to employ advanced case management interview techniques to establish a supportive relationship and involve families in the initial assessment for the need of services; ability to quickly assess the risks and safety of the client environment during daylight hours, after dark and in high crime areas; ability to employ expert negotiation skills in the most complex cases; ability to analyze and assess child development safety issues in relation to risk factors; ability to analyze tense family situations and make decisions about removing children when the decision has to be made with limited direct information and limited access to consultation; ability to communicate effectively and establish supportive client relationships. Ability to perform manual work exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

## **MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

Master's degree from an accredited school of social work and one year of experience; Bachelor's degree from an accredited school of social work and two years of experience; Master's degree in a counseling field and two years of experience; Four year degree in a human service field or related curriculum including at least 15 semester hours in courses related to social work or counseling and three years of experience; Graduation from a four year college or university and four years of experience in rehabilitation counseling, pastoral counseling, or a related human services field providing experience in the techniques of casework, group work, or community organization. **One year of work experience can be credited for completion of the social work collaborative.**

- Preferences: Prefer applicants with computer experience and/or knowledge of State Network Systems, NC FAST, imaging programs and Windows software including Microsoft Word. **Bilingual applicants (English/Spanish) encouraged to apply. Official transcript required.**

Work-Against applicants will be considered. *SW I = \$25,411.00 & SW II = \$30,887.00 & SW III = \$34,053.00.*

## **Application Period: 07/28/2015 –Until Filled**

Application Process: Applications are available online at [www.edgecombecountync.gov](http://www.edgecombecountync.gov). Applications are to be returned to Nora Harper, Personnel Assistant at 301 S. Fairview Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27801. Applications can be picked up at the Social Services office at 301 S. Fairview Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27801 or downloaded from the County's website. Applications are also available at the Edgecombe County Manager's Office at 201 S. Andrew St. Tarboro, NC 27886. Applicants may apply through the Division of Employment Security. Electronic copies, Fax copies, incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered. **An official transcript of undergraduate and/or graduate degree(s) is required at the time of application. Degrees must be received from appropriately accredited institutions.** We support a drug free work environment. A Pre-Employment Drug Screening and Criminal Background Check Is Required: **AA/EOE**