



# familytapestry

## **Residential Treatment Placement Specialist**

Want to join one of South Texas' premier child welfare agencies in "restoring innocence and strengthening families?" Family Tapestry, a Division of The Children's Shelter, is looking for you! Since 1901, The Children's Shelter has provided a continuum of Trauma-Informed Care for Bexar County children with a history of prolonged abuse, abandonment and/or neglect. Family Tapestry was created in 2018 to weave together the community to transform the foster care experience in Bexar County. Our goal at Family Tapestry is to ensure each child is safe in care, achieves permanency, improves their overall wellbeing, experiences fewer moves and shorter stays in care, and increases family engagement, which leads to better outcomes, trusting relationships, and meaningful connections. It takes one person to change the life of a child. Will you be part of our tapestry to fulfill our mission?

The Residential Treatment Placement Specialist is responsible for coordinating and identifying the most appropriate placement for children/youth referred to Family Tapestry by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) and other agencies. Promotes the well-being and safety of child/youth within all activities within the intake process. Handles crisis calls and emergencies that are called into the Family Tapestry intake line when on-call. The Residential Treatment Placement Specialist will work predominately on cases for youth requiring Residential Treatment Services, Temporary Emergency Placement (TEP) beds or discharging from the Psychiatric Hospitals and are in need of Residential Treatment Services. The Residential Treatment Placement Specialist will be responsible for Child Specific Contracts and Exceptional Care procedures to include submission of exhaustive statewide placement search lists.

### **Responsibilities Include:**

- Receives and reviews client referrals and intake information from TDFPS and other agencies.
- Leveraging placement technology and following DFPS Performance Measures, coordinates and assists to locate and arrange for the most appropriate placement of child/youth based on child/youth needs within the Family Tapestry Provider Network.
- Ensures that child/youth assessment tools and other pertinent information are properly used to correctly evaluate each child/youth referred to Family Tapestry for placements or services.
- Facilitates placement changes when needed and it is in the best interest of the child/youth.
- Facilitates placement of children discharging from psychiatric hospitals in need of Residential Treatment Services.
- Works with the psychiatric hospitals to establish youth progress and needs; track all psychiatric hospitalization for Bexar County youth, regardless if placement is needed
- Facilitates placement search for youth who have had all least restrictive options exhausted; begins search for Residential Treatment Centers and/or Child Specific Contracts to meet the youths needs.
- Will refer out any child for an exhaustive statewide placement search for all children that will be placed at a facility with an exceptional care rate.
- Will be responsible for negotiating terms and conditions of child specific contracts, excluding payment amounts, and will be responsible for tracking all contracts including duration and exceptional care rate.
- Serves as the intake Team Lead or Worker in Charge when both Intake Supervisor and Assistant Director of Placement Coordination are unavailable.

**Requirements:**

- Requires Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university and a Master's degree in social work or related field is preferred.
- Previous work with child/youth in TDFPS care is preferred
- Working knowledge or Minimum Standards for Child Placing Agencies is preferred
- Must successfully complete Trauma Informed Care Training Sessions 1-3 (9 hours) within 90 days of beginning job duties.
- Must successfully complete the agency's Emergency Behavior Intervention training
- Must maintain a Texas driver's license and provide proof of automotive liability insurance
- Bilingual with English and Spanish is a plus.

**Family Tapestry is a Division of The Children's Shelter - an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to a culturally diverse workplace and offering a competitive pay and benefits package.**

You can apply on-line by visiting our website [www.familytapestry.org](http://www.familytapestry.org) or in person at:

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