



**JEWISH FAMILY &  
COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
EAST BAY

## Position Announcement

### **Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist**

**JOB TITLE:** Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist

**REPORTS TO:** Director of Clinical Services

**EMPLOYMENT TYPE:** Full time / Exempt

**WORK SCHEDULE:** 37.5 hours per week

#### **OUR MISSION**

Rooted in Jewish values and historical experiences, and inspired by the strengths of the diverse communities we serve, JFCS East Bay promotes the well-being of individuals and families by providing essential mental health and social services through every stage of life.

#### **OUR AGENCY**

JFCS East Bay is an innovative social service agency that has served individuals and families throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties since 1877. We are proud to provide multilingual services to older adults and their families, Holocaust survivors, children and their parents, refugees and immigrants, people with disabilities, and an array of adults and children who come to us for high-quality, affordable mental health services.

Our staff of more than 60 employees is characterized by its dedication, teamwork, warmth, humor, and high professional standards. Agency offices are located in downtown Berkeley (five blocks from BART) and Walnut Creek, with a satellite location in uptown Oakland.

***JFCS East Bay actively seeks to hire qualified professionals who reflect the cultural and linguistic diversity of the East Bay and of our clients.***

#### **JOB SUMMARY:**

JFCS East Bay is seeking a Birth to 8 Mental Health Specialist who is passionate about providing treatment to our youngest children and their families with respect, clinical excellence, and an ongoing commitment to cultural humility.

Under the supervision of the Clinical Director, the specialist will use a relationship based model to provide parent-infant mental health services primarily in Oakland but throughout Alameda County. As part of a multidisciplinary team, the specialist will work closely with a child development specialist and family partner to conduct observations and therapy in the child's home, preschool, or at the JFCS East Bay offices.

## **DUTIES & ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

- Observe, assess and treat children and families in their natural environments
- Provide dyadic work with infants, toddlers, and their primary caregivers
- Provide some case management
- Provide consultation to child care providers
- Provide crisis intervention services
- Complete all necessary paperwork and documentation on computerized client management system
- Conduct chart reviews and auditing
- Attend supervision, team meetings, and case consultations

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Commitment to agency mission of promoting and strengthening the social and emotional well-being of diverse individuals and families throughout the East Bay
- MSW or Masters in Counseling, Registered Intern. License preferred.
- Experience in early childhood mental health or early childhood education
- Experience working in diverse communities and ability to bridge cultures
- Committed to culturally informed practice and a multicultural learning environment
- Ability to work independently and part of a team
- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality
- Patience, compassion, flexibility
- Clean DMV record, current California driver's license, and car required
- Must be available to work one evening per week

## **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Ability to sit and work at a computer for extended periods of time
- Ability to lift and carry up to 10 pounds

## **COMPENSATION**

Our generous compensation is dependent on experience starting at 60K.. Benefits include medical, dental, 401K, generous holiday and vacation, great colleagues, and a friendly, respectful work environment.

## **TO APPLY**

Please submit a thoughtful cover letter and resume to Rosario Kusnir, MFT at rkusnir@jfcs-eastbay.org. Only complete applications will be considered.

*Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay is an Equal Opportunity Employer that highly values diversity.*

*Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.*