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Job Title	Houseparent/Child Engagement Specialist
Employer/ Agency	J's House
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Job Description	We are seeking compassionate and skilled House Parents who want to be a part of creating a new way to deliver residential care. A House Parent provides trauma-informed, professional parenting for children in a group home setting. As an important member of the caregiving team, this position supports the physical, emotional, behavioral, and developmental needs of children while upholding Texas DFPS Minimum Standards and evidence-based models such as Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) to create a safe, nurturing, and trauma-informed environment where children can heal and thrive.  This position requires the ability to implement daily routines, maintain a therapeutic environment, respond to crisis situations using approved de-escalation techniques, and build trust-based, healing relationships with children from hard places.
	<ul> <li>KEY RESPONSIBILITIES</li> <li>Engage in positive relationship-building activities, including play and conversation.</li> <li>Provide constant supervision, emotional support, and structure for each child in the home.</li> <li>Follow and implement each child's individualized service and treatment plans.</li> <li>Support children with daily routines including hygiene, chores, mealtimes, homework, and bedtime.</li> <li>Use trauma-informed care and positive behavior support strategies, including approved de-escalation techniques.</li> <li>Administer and document medications in compliance with training</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>Maintain cleanliness, safety, and organization in the home setting.</li> <li>Model positive, trauma-informed interactions and professionalism in all duties.</li> </ul>
Qualifications	Education & Experience:
	High School Diploma or GED required; Associates or Bachelors Degree in Human Services, Psychology, Social Work, or related

	field a plus.
	Experience working with children, including those with significant
	trauma histories, behavioral challenges, or mental health needs preferred.
	Knowledge & Skills:
	<ul> <li>Ability to remain calm and emotionally regulated in stressful situations.</li> <li>Effective verbal and written communication.</li> <li>Willingness to learn and implement TBRI® and other evidence-based strategies.</li> <li>Team-oriented, compassionate, and dependable.</li> <li>Strong organizational and time-management skills.</li> <li>Ability to maintain confidentiality and handle sensitive information with professionalism and integrity.</li> <li>Ability to participate in physical activities with children.</li> </ul> Additional Requirements: <ul> <li>Must be 21 years of age or older.</li> <li>Current CPR/First Aid certification, or the ability to obtain certification</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>within the first 30 days of employment.</li> <li>Must pass background checks, including FBI fingerprints, and drug screening as required by state law and organizational policies.</li> <li>Valid Texas driver's license with acceptable driving record, reliable transportation, and automobile insurance.</li> <li>Pass a tuberculosis (tb) skin test.</li> </ul>
Salary/Hours	Weekend Hours – 8 pm to 8 am and 8 am to 8 pm Pay: \$15 - \$17 per hour
Address	907 Fairway Farms
City, State, Zip	Kingwood, TX 77339
Contact Person	Devonna Owino, LCCA
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Application Method	Email the above address if interested.
Opening Date	Immediately

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