

## **Expectant Parent Adoption Worker: Greene County-Good Shepherd Children & Family Services**

**Available Date:**

**Immediately**

**Job Description:**

This Expectant Parent /Adoption Worker will help Good Shepherd establish adoption services in the Greene County Missouri area. As such, this position will focus on developing strong working relationships with hospitals, schools, prenatal clinics, adoption facilitators and other referral sources and be the primary point of contact for Good Shepherd in this area. This position includes the responsibility to create and implement a plan to raise awareness about adoption within the agency and the community at large. This position will also provide direct service to Expectant Parent clients exploring adoption planning. Completing home studies and post-placements could be within the framework of the position based on client and agency needs.

**Qualifications:**

The position requires a passion for promoting awareness of the life giving adoption as an option to women and men with an unexpected pregnancy. Skills and a comfort level in networking and forming relationships with referral sources is essential to this position.

Required skills and abilities include:

- strong ability to develop rapport with professionals and clientele;
- excellent communication skills including public speaking to small and large audiences;
- ability to present adoption education in professional settings;
- creativity in outreach strategies;
- understanding of the emotional and physical impact of pregnancy, prenatal and infant development;
- the ability to present and explore the birth options of parenting or adoption;
- ability to develop collaborative relationships with referral sources;
- flexible with the ability to adjust a work schedule around the needs of clients;
- well organized and the ability to work independently;
- complete home studies and post-placements based on agency need;
- work with the Pregnancy and Parenting Support program to provide service to clientele when framework of the program

This position provides all services in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. A commitment to the sanctity of human life is a requirement of this position.

This position requires travel to and from clients home; a reliable vehicle and valid Driver's license is required.

Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and 3 years experience in direct service positions with target population or a Master's Degree in Social Work or related field. Prior experience related to adoption work is strongly preferred. LCSW supervision is available.

**Pay Range:**

**This is a part time position with the possibility of growth into a full time position within the year. 20 to 25 hours per week to start with the ability to be flexible in the scheduling of those hours; may include some weeknight/weekend hours at times. Salary is competitive based on experience**

**To Apply, send a cover letter and resume via email to:**

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