Child Social Worker Job Description

- Address legal issues such as discipline and child abuse
- Assist with hearings and provide testimony in case of custody arrangements
- Find, arrange or provide for support services, such as homemaker service, prenatal care, child care, substance abuse treatment, counseling, parenting classes or job training to prevent more serious problems from developing
- Arrange for psychiatric, medical and other tests as necessary
- Work in adolescent and child residential institutions
- Administer welfare programs
- Evaluate home conditions and personal characteristics of adoption applicants and foster home
- Serve as liaisons between schools, family services, students, homes, child guidance clinics, courts, protective services, doctors and other contacts, to help children who face challenges such as poverty, disabilities or abuse
- Place children in institutions, adoptive or foster homes or medical treatment centers
- Supervise other social workers
- Recommend temporary foster care
- Advise adoptive or foster parents.
- Determine adopter's eligibility for financial assistance
- Conduct social research
- Establish and lead counseling sessions which provide support in such areas as stress, grief or chemical dependency.