Housing Navigator

**Pay:** $18-23/hr, commensurate with experience (40/hrs a week Flexible Work Hours)

**Organization:** Sanctuary of Hope (SOH) is a county-wide nonprofit that provides prevention and stabilization services to Transitional Age Youth (TAY), ages 16-25, who are child welfare or justice impacted, housing or economic insecure, expectant or parenting, domestic violence or trafficking survivors, or at-promise. SOH helps youth and young adults bolster resilience by helping them overcome poverty, trauma, low educational achievement, unemployment, and lack of well-being.

**Summary:** The Housing Navigator builds and fosters healthy relationships and assists with helping them secure housing. S/He provides life coaching and case management services to address multiple complex needs and reduce barriers, including referrals to SOH programs and/or other community resources.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Provide life coaching and support services applying strengths-based, Positive Youth Development, and consumer-centered approaches.
- Develop a service plan to establish goals and action steps toward stabilization, independent living, and self-sufficiency in conjunction with the youth.
- Help youth to secure and attain documentation for housing and other ancillary services as needed.
- Help youth develop permanent connections in their lives to strengthen their support network.
- Assist youth in identifying and accessing services necessary to reach long-term housing goals.
- Utilize personal vehicle, in good working order, to transport youth to appointments when necessary.
- Meet with youth every bi-weekly (more often when needed and less as youth matures in their goals), to monitor progress and/or barriers toward achieving their life aspiration goals.
- Provide crisis intervention as needed.
- Work with SOH team members and community partners, and with input from youth, develop and implement engaging activities and outings.
- Help youth identify and find housing options including assisting with completing housing and credit check applications.
- Perform recordkeeping and reporting of program activities on electronic reporting systems (Social Solutions, HMIS, etc.) for outcomes and evaluation; and complete progress notes and program-related reporting as required.
- Report issues and problems to management.
- Attend monthly staff meetings.
- Perform other duties as may be assigned by Executive Director or Program Administrator.

**Education:** BA in human services field

**Qualifications:**
• Demonstrated experience in working with at-risk youth to reach their housing, employment, or education goals
• Proficient in Microsoft Office applications
• Demonstrated experience in one or more of the following areas: mental health, chemical dependency, emotional/behavioral special education, at-risk youth issues
• Demonstrated knowledge of and ability to work effectively with youth with a variety of identities, cultures, and backgrounds including ethnic/racial minorities and LGBTQ youth
• Knowledge of Trauma-Informed Care and Practices a plus
• Knowledge of Harm Reduction and Practices a plus
• Ability to work collaboratively, but independently
• Ability to pass a criminal and child abuse index background check
• Ability to pass drug screening
• Reliable transportation and clean DMV record

Certificates, Licenses, Registrations:
• Valid California Driver’s License and proof of auto insurance
• Adult CPR & Basic First Aid
• TB Test Clearance

Position is grant funded; in addition to other specified conditions of employment, it is understood that no guarantee of continued employment, beyond the availability of current funds, is expressed or implied by Sanctuary of Hope.

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