



School-Based Therapist

Juvenile Protective Association (JPA)

Office location: 1707 N Halsted Chicago, IL (Primarily South and Southwest Side schools)

****Employment Type:** Full-Time**

About JPA

Juvenile Protective Association (JPA) is a relationship-based agency providing high-quality therapeutic services to children and families across Chicago. We are deeply committed to fostering emotional well-being in students through early intervention, culturally responsive care, and the integration of psychodynamic principles.

Position Summary

JPA is seeking a compassionate, reflective, and committed School-Based Therapist to join our team. In this role, the therapist will provide individual therapy to a caseload of 19 students, grades Kindergarten through 8th, in an assigned partner school on Chicago's South or Southwest Side. The therapist will also dedicate one slot per week to meet with parents and educators. This position offers a meaningful opportunity to work within school communities to support student mental health, foster positive outcomes, and collaborate with school personnel and families.

Responsibilities

- Provide individual, weekly school-based therapy to a caseload of approximately 19 students in grades K–8
- Conduct intake assessments and develop individualized treatment plans
- Maintain timely and thorough Medicaid compliant documentation, including IMCANS, clinical progress notes, and treatment plans
- Collaborate with school staff, parents, and caregivers to support students' emotional and behavioral growth
- Participate in weekly reflective clinical supervision and group supervision
- Engage in ongoing professional development and training opportunities through JPA
- Contribute to the school community as a mental health partner by participating in team meetings or offering consultation as needed
- Work closely with clinical supervisors and agency leadership to ensure fidelity to JPA's relationship-based and psychodynamic approach

- Uphold agency values of trauma-informed care, cultural humility, anti-racist practice, and child-centered advocacy
- Collaborate with the Development and Communication teams at JPA

Qualifications

- Master's degree in Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, or related field
- Experience providing therapy to children or adolescents, ideally in a school or community setting
- Understanding of trauma, child development, and systems of oppression affecting youth
- Commitment to reflective supervision and ongoing learning
- Comfort working independently within a school setting while staying closely connected to a supportive agency network
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) a plus
- Experience with billing Illinois Medicaid for mental health services preferred but not necessary
- Must meet all CPS requirements, including background checks, health requirements, etc.
- Must have access to a vehicle or reliable transportation

What We Offer

- Generous PTO package (including holidays, vacation, sick days, and personal days)
- Excellent benefits with substantial employer cost share
- Retirement plan with employer matching
- Weekly individual supervision and access to a rich clinical training program
- A mission-driven, supportive, and collegial work environment
- Opportunities to contribute to innovative program development
- A chance to make a real difference in the lives of students and families across Chicago

To Apply

Please submit a resume and a brief cover letter outlining your interest and relevant experience to Humanresources@jpachicago.org

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: \$48,000 - \$56,000 per year