



Behavioral & Educational Solutions, P.C.

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| Job Title: | Military Family Life Counselor | Job Category: | Professional |
| Location: | Norfolk, Chesapeake, & Virginia Beach, VA Area | Travel Required: | Yes |
| Level/Salary Range: | Competitive Salary with Benefits | Position Type: | Full-Time |

Behavioral & Educational Solutions, PC (BES) is a clinician owned and managed mental health company. Since, our inception in 2008 we have positioned ourselves as a leader in mental health and social support services for children and families. Our team of psychologists, licensed clinical social-workers, licensed professional counselors, and board certified behavioral analysts provide support, resources, solutions, respite, and education so families can increase engaged quality time together. We are committed to collaborating with families and schools so interventions are solution focused, culturally sensitive, and developmentally appropriate. We are committed to providing comprehensive services that serve the entire child and nurture his/her development. We are looking for like-minded professionals.

Overview:

We are accepting applications for Child Youth Behavior and School Military Life Counselor (MFLC). Candidates must be licensed to work at the independent practice level in the state of Virginia (LCSW, LMFT, or LPC). The successful candidate for the MFLC position will provide the full breadth of MFLC counseling services to military service members and their families at military installations. These services include non-medical confidential counseling that builds resiliency and problem-solving skills in order to prevent everyday normal stressors from becoming behavioral and psychological health problems for military (Active and Reserved) children and youth. MFLC counselors work within and across the systems (i.e., Child Development Centers, Schools, family, youth groups and centers) that serve military children to ensure military children build resiliency to normal stressors of military life (e.g., loss of parent, injury or disability of a parent, absence of parent, frequent relocations). The counselors work closely with the installation and military branch Points of Contact (POC) to assure that the program is provided within scope and meets the needs of the installation. The place(s) of performance for these positions are for the 2018-2019 academic year at **NAS Oceana, NAS NW Annex, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, and Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia.**

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Provides face to face non-medical problem solving and solutions focused counseling to families and children when other resources are not available
- Consult with teachers, CDC providers, parents, and children regarding disruptive behaviors, and ensure that prevention behavior plans are implemented consistently and efficaciously across the systems that children live in.
- Engage in psycho-educational counseling that teaches resiliency and problem solving skills to military youth and their caregivers, either directly through counseling and modeling, or via large and small group presentations.
- Partner with and augment activities of Service Family Centers, Guard and Reserve programs (including Inter-Service Family Assistance Committees), unit family support staff officers, and other programs and services to build coalitions
- Consults with military command and installation service providers as requested.
- Develop and/or use approved training and education programs for presentations to military stakeholders.
- Provides MFLC response to critical incidents.
- Manage duty to warn and restricted reporting situations according to DoD protocol.
- Communicates with Regional Supervisors and participate in regular individual and group supervision, sharing information regarding trends and issues on the installations to which assigned.

- Participates in regular in-services/training, Quality Improvement committees or other contract activities as assigned/appropriate.
- Make appropriate referrals to military and community resources according to the needs of families.

Qualifications and Educational Requirements

- Counselors shall have at least a Masters degree from an accredited graduate program in a mental health related field such as social work, psychology, marriage/family therapy, or counseling.
- A valid unrestricted counseling license/certification from the State of Virginia that grants authority to provide counseling services as an independent practitioner in the respective fields.
- Demonstrated counseling competence preceding employment with the MFLC program.
- Experience and expertise working with identified age of the participants. For example, a CYB-MFLC assigned to support an elementary school must have experience supporting elementary school-aged children.
- Counselors shall possess advocacy knowledge, skills, and abilities listed below:
 - Working knowledge of military, state, federal, and local resources.
 - Understanding, sensitivity, and empathy for service members and their families.
 - Ability to develop trusting helping relationships.
 - Ability to work effectively with individuals and families from diverse racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.
 - Ability to intervene in crisis situations, using sound professional judgment, ethical practice, and common sense.
 - Work independently to develop, implement, and evaluate safety and intervention plans to meet individual and family needs.
 - Operate within established guidelines of the military services family support and quality of life programs.
 - Ability to work cooperatively with military and civilian medical, social service, law enforcement, and legal personnel on behalf of service members and their families.

Benefits

- Vacation and Sick days
- Health insurance
- Retirement
- Paid holidays

Application Process

Send:

- Cover-letter, must include salary requirement and availability
- Resume
- Include MFLC in the Subject line

To HR@besdc.com or fax to 1-877-637-7490