General Statement of Duties

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Distinguishing Characteristics

This class receives all incoming telephone calls involving child abuse and/or neglect, elicits essential information from caller, and determines the immediacy and type of response needed. This class is distinguished from a Human Service Aide that performs standard performance level work identifying client needs and providing services. The Human Services Hotline Operator is distinguished from a Program Case Manager that performs paraprofessional case management work with program participant cases in various city agencies.

The Human Services Hotline Operator is distinguished from the Administrative Support Assistant III that performs a variety of full performance level office support work. The Human Services Hotline Operator is distinguished from the 911 Operator that performs telephone public contact work receiving emergency calls to the police department, the fire department, emergency medical services, other similar emergency services and performs data retrieval work operating computer terminals.

Guidelines, Difficulty and Decision-Making Level

Guidelines are generally numerous, well established and directly applicable to the work assignment. Work assignment and desired results are explained by general oral or written instructions.

Duties assigned are generally repetitive and restricted in scope but may be of substantial intricacy. Employee primarily applies standardized practices.

Decisions or recommendations on non-standardized situations are limited to relating organizational policies to specific cases. Problems that are not covered by guidelines or are without precedent are taken up with the supervisor.

Level of Supervision Received & Quality Review

Under general supervision, the employee receives assignments and is expected to carry them through to completion with substantial independence. Work is reviewed for adherence to instructions, accuracy, completeness and conformance to standard practice or precedent. Recurring work clearly covered by guidelines may or may not be reviewed.

Interpersonal Communication & Purpose

Contacts with the persons under stress or emergency conditions where an immediate service is rendered according to established procedures or instructions.

Level of Supervision Exercised

None
**Essential Duties**

Receives all incoming telephone calls involving child abuse and/or neglect, makes quick decisions regarding the child’s life and well being (high, moderate, or low risk), determines the immediacy and type of response needed based on an initial risk assessment (contact police for immediate assistance, contact on-call case workers, or distribute for follow up services).

Elicits essential information from caller including the problem, allegation, and complaint, names of involved parties, address, and information pertaining to the laws and regulations of child abuse and neglect in the state of Colorado.

Searches department and statewide databases to compile all necessary information on the alleged victim, family members, all involvement of Human Services, and other required information, enters information into the statewide database, documents all aspects of the initial call and actions taken, and distributes as required.

Receives calls and works directly with law enforcement on domestic violence cases and placement of children.

Receives all calls and information from the Coroner’s Office regarding the death of any child in the city, notifies all pertinent parties, conducts database searches, and documents and distributes information to initiate fatality investigations.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

Any one position may not include all of the duties listed. However, the allocation of positions will be determined by the amount of time spent in performing the essential duties listed above.

**Competencies**

Decisiveness - Makes well-informed, effective, and timely decisions, even when data are limited or solutions produce unpleasant consequences; perceives the impact and implications of decisions.

Information Management - Identifies a need for and knows where or how to gather information; organizes and maintains information or information management systems.

Interpersonal Skills - Shows understanding, friendliness, courtesy, tact, empathy, cooperation, concern, and politeness to others and relates well to different people from varied backgrounds and different situations.

Oral Communication - Expresses information to individuals or groups effectively; taking into account the audience and nature of the information; makes clear and convincing oral presentations; listens to others, attends to nonverbal cues and responds appropriately.

Reading - Understands and interprets written material, including technical material, rules, regulations, instructions, reports, charts, graphs, or tables; applies what is learned from written material to specific situations.

**Knowledge & Skills**

Skill in determining the seriousness of an emergency and knowing when to notify appropriate authority as necessary.

**Education Requirement**

Graduation from high school or the possession of a GED, HiSET or TASC Certificate.
Experience Requirement

Two (2) years of public contact experience dealing with individual problems and applying policies, procedures, and/or legal guidelines.

Education & Experience Equivalency

Additional appropriate education may be substituted for the minimum experience requirements.

Licensure & Certification

None

Working Environment

Subject to varying and unpredictable situations. Handles emergency or crisis situations Subject to many interruptions. Pressure due to multiple calls and inquiries. Requires judgment and action in life threatening situations.

Level of Physical Demand

1-Sedentary (0-10 lbs.)

Physical Demands

(Physical Demands are a general guide and specific positions will vary based on working conditions, locations, and agency/department needs.):

- Sitting: remaining in the normal seated position.
- Standing: remaining on one’s feet in an upright position.
- Walking: moving about on foot.
- Handling: seizing, holding, grasping, or otherwise working with hand(s).
- Fingering: picking, pinching, or otherwise working with fingers.
- Talking: expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words.
- Hearing: perceiving the nature of sounds by the ear.
- Repetitive motions: making frequent movements with a part of the body.
- Far Acuity: ability to see clearly at 20 feet or more.
- Near Acuity: ability to see clearly at 20 inches or less.
- Accommodation: ability to adjust vision to bring objects into focus.
- Lifting: raising or lowering objects weighing no more than 10 pounds, from one level to another.

Background Check Requirement

Criminal Check
Employment Verification

Assessment Requirement

None

Probation Period

Six (6) months.
**Class Detail**

Pay Grade: C-613  
FLSA Code: N  
Management Level: 10  
Established Date: 9/21/2018  
Established By: Lori Schumann  
Revised Date:  
Revised By:  
Class History: