Social Worker Job Description

About the Reengagement Center
Launched in 2021, the Aspen Functional Zero Pilot Project’s goal is to reduce postsecondary disconnection of Opportunity Youth (OY) in New Orleans through the establishment of a Reengagement Center. The Reengagement Center focuses on connecting youth to post-secondary education opportunities including college, occupational skills training, and military leading to viable career pathways as well as focus exclusively on the needs of OY to reduce disconnection and support reconnection.

Position Overview
The Social Worker is responsible for supporting young people enrolled in the Reengagement Center. The Social Worker works closely with participants to provide a multi-tiered system of support that aligns with best practices in youth and career development utilizing methods of prevention/intervention in the context of preparing for post-secondary education opportunities. The Social Worker will utilize a trauma-informed approach in preparing participants for career pathways with an emphasis on assisting young people in managing life stressors/challenges through evidence-based programs and practices. The Social Worker reports to the Project Director.

Key Responsibilities
- Provide Mental Health expertise to participants
- Provide prevention/intervention services to participants including, but not limited to:
  - Assess referred participants for service needs
  - Develop and implement individual participant service plans
  - Chart participant’s progress and activity in electronic database
  - Collect and record data for program evaluation
  - Serve as a liaison between participant and community resources
- Participate in cross sector team meetings to identify participant needs
- Provide Small Groups (emotion regulation, social skills, etc.)
- Provide required documentation including but not limited to monthly reports
- Work collaboratively with other Collaborative members including CMO/school staff, counselors, service providers, and community-based organizations
- Participate in continuing professional development
- Other duties as requested

Requirements
- Master’s Degree in Social Work
- Ability to build and maintain trusting relationships with young people
- Ability to work independently, and to function effectively with multiple tasks
- Ability to perform duties with awareness of and compliance with related corporation policies and state requirements
- Ability to organize time and workload to fulfill requirements of the job
• Working knowledge of community resources for referrals
• Knowledge of issues facing young people
• Demonstrates Cultural Competency
• Basic computer mastery skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook

Please submit a resume and cover letter to Dr. Rashida Govan rashida@neworleansyouthalliance.org with the subject line as “Position: AFZ Social Worker” by Friday, July 9 COB.