



## Job Opportunities at Louisiana Methodist Children's Home in Ruston

*October 10, 2012 Ruston, LA* – Louisiana Methodist Children's Home announces new licensing standards are creating a need for additional Mental Health Specialists (child care staff) at the Ruston campus. These positions supervise youth, act as role models, and provide outstanding residential care services to children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.

Louisiana is restructuring the state's child welfare system in the new Coordinated System of Care. To continue caring for more than 16 children, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home must become licensed by the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). Previously, the agency has been licensed by Louisiana's Department of Children and Family Services. The new licensure by DHH requires one Mental Health Specialist for every three children.

According to Rick Wheat, President and CEO of the Children's Home, a positive aspect of the new licensing is the increased staff resources that will be available to care for youth. Says Wheat, "Under the new requirements, the larger number of residential staff will allow us to increase the intensity of our treatment programs so we can better meet the needs of our kids. Ultimately, this will be a very good thing."

Gary Rambin, Director of Staff Development, described the opportunity of working as a Mental Health Specialist at the Children's Home. According to Rambin, "The Children's Home is an excellent place to work for individuals of great character who want to make a difference in the lives of our youth. Our child care staff is a great team who serve as positive role models for our kids every day. The agency provides comprehensive training and offers competitive compensation and great benefits."

Candidates must be at least 21 years old, have or be pursuing a degree in a mental health-related field; or be pursuing a graduate degree in the mental health field; or have a high school degree or a GED and two years experience providing direct care services in a similar setting. Interested candidates should submit a resume or contact the agency with questions. For more information visit [www.LMCH.org](http://www.LMCH.org) and click the "Employment" button or call 318-255-5020.

Louisiana Methodist Children's Home is part of Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services (LUMCFS) which offers services throughout Louisiana that care for children and families in crises. All programs of LUMCFS pursue the agency's mission of "Guiding Children and Families Home to Experience God's Love by Following the Teachings of Christ."

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