



**JUNGLE KIDS**  
**FOR CHRIST**  
Empowering Children

## **Job Description for Mental Health Specialist**

- **Job Title** – Mental Health Specialist (Counselor, Psychologist, and/or Social Worker)
- **Job Summary** - Jungle Kids for Christ (JKC) is a growing ministry whose mission is to empower children of the Ecuadorian jungle through education, values, and leadership. To accomplish this mission, we started a school called Antioch Christian Academy where we provide quality, Christian education that focuses on relationships and discipleship. For the position of the school mental health specialist, we are looking for an individual who is driven, self-motivated and resilient to be able to tackle the daily challenges of working in a school counseling department that comes across a wide range of emotional, social, academic and spiritual challenges within our students and their families.
- **Commitment Length** – minimum two school years of working in the DECE (counseling department) at Antioch Christian Academy.
- **Qualifications & Requirements**
  - Provide comprehensive mental health services, case management, and other related support services to eligible students and families.
  - Maintain case notes, documentation, and other records in accordance with school policy and country regulations.
  - Adequately lead parent education workshops.
  - Facilitate individual counseling, crisis interventions and risk assessments with students.
  - Implement mental health assessments.
  - Develop IEP-type intervention plans for students with emotional, social, behavioral, cognitive, and/or learning difficulties or disorders.
  - Facilitate monthly classes for students on a variety of topics to guide their development of emotional, social, and academic skills.
  - Identify and accompany students with special education needs to ensure that they receive proper testing and diagnosis outside of the school, appropriate adaptations in the classroom, and adequate support at home.
  - Accompany students in the process of resolving conflicts between themselves.

- o Communicate effectively and in a timely manner, with parents and guardians of students to address complaints, issues, and concerns.
  - o Assist in planning and coordinating other school-wide events, such as the annual sports championship, Christmas activities and other events included in the school calendar.
  - o Have full knowledge of the Code of Conduct and the different regulations and directives implemented by the General Director and/or immediate supervisor in the counseling department.
  - o Two (2) year commitment with a minimum expense of \$36,000. \*This position requires full support.
  - o Must agree with our statement of faith and abide by our code of conduct.
  - o *Additional suggested qualifications*
    - Experience working with survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse, and/or other forms of trauma.
- **Responsibilities & Duties**
    - o Master's in psychology, Educational Psychology, Social Work, Counseling, School Counseling, or Marriage and Family Therapy from an accredited university.
    - o Minimum two years of educational internship/clinical experience working with children, adolescents, and/or families.
    - o Able to manage multiple priorities and tasks with excellent time management and attention to detail.
    - o Able to create strong interpersonal relationships to build rapport with students and families.
    - o Fluency in Spanish or willingness to learn Spanish
      - Available to travel to Quito-Ecuador for language training for 6 months, if necessary. Preferably from January to July.
    - o Must agree with our Statement of Faith and abide by our Code of Conduct.
    - o Strong verbal and non-verbal skills.
    - o Flexible, adaptable, and self-motivated.
    - o Willingness to serve and experience new things!
  - **Expectations and Additional Information**
    - o Must raise your own support, approximate cost is \$18,000 per year
    - o Housing options provided.
    - o Travel insurance options are available.
    - o Food options are covered in the budget mentioned above.

Antioch Christian Academy is a non-government organization that is passionate to work with the jungle communities in the Amazon region. Due to its financial restraints, ACA will require workers to raise full support for the time that will be spent with the organization. Any inquiries can be discussed.

For applicants who are citizens of Ecuador, ACA is willing to help fund their time spent serving with the organization. ACA is willing to negotiate a salary to accommodate their needs.