



# Seeking Masters level Clinician (LCSW/LPC) for Pediatric Palliative Care - Oncology Service

## Join our growing team!

The Aflac Cancer & Blood Disorders Center in conjunction with Pediatric Palliative Care (Pediatric Advanced Care Team - PACT) and the Center for Behavioral and Mental Health at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta are expanding mental health services for children with cancer and conditions served by palliative care. Our team strives to provide excellent clinical care while meeting the needs of our patients and their families, and growing the academic mission of palliative psychology care. We are working to innovate mental health care for children adolescents, and young adults with serious illness in Georgia, and are recruiting dedicated, passionate and experienced team members.

- Outpatient Supportive Care Clinic improves quality of life and relieves physical, psychological, social and spiritual suffering for children with cancer and their families. This clinic is housed at Arthur M. Blank Hospital and performs 500+ visits annually.
- Inpatient palliative care (PACT) was established in 2011 and serves patients with all types of life-limiting conditions on both campuses. This program provides collaborative, patient-centered care to children and families facing serious illness that focuses on mitigating suffering and optimizing quality of life. PACT performs 3000+ visits annually.
- The Center for Behavioral and Mental Health (BMH) provides coordinated, multidisciplinary mental health care to patients across the Children's system and their families. Services include a growing, collaborative group of medically embedded pediatric psychologists, psychiatry, and Social Work/BMH specialists.

### Why Children's?

A trusted leader in pediatric healthcare for more than 100 years, Children's is continually recognized as one of the nation's leading pediatric care providers by U.S. News & World Report, with many of our specialty programs ranking among the best in the nation.



### About us

- Children's is one of the largest pediatric healthcare systems in the country, with 673 licensed beds and more than 1 million patient visits annually.
- We offer access to over 60 specialties and manage more than 1.1 million patient visits annually, including over 500 newly diagnosed children with cancer annually.
- Our palliative care clinicians are nationally recognized leaders, researchers, advocates, and educators in the field, holding many preeminent positions. They provide pediatric palliative and hospice care expertise for Georgia.
- We have been named one of the 100 Best Companies by Seramount for the 18th consecutive year. We have offerings to help you balance work and life.

### Make Atlanta Your Home

As a healthcare professional, you have special considerations when it comes to putting down roots. Atlanta offers the professional environment you need to further your practice—and the cultural and social environment that you want for yourself and your family.

- This is a diverse city and state, which means your patients will come from a variety of cultural, religious, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- As the only freestanding pediatric health system in Georgia, Children's patient volumes are high, and our referral base is large. In 2024, a brand new hospital opened - Arthur M. Blank Hospital at CHO, based at the North Druid Hills campus.
- Atlanta has a lower cost of living than many other major cities, and it is consistently ranked among the top places to move to in the country.
- The Atlanta community is known for its walkable neighborhoods, thriving arts and culture scene, pro sports teams, not to mention its many green spaces and sunny weather.

## Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center - Supportive Care Outpatient Clinic Behavioral and Mental Health Therapist (LCSW/LPC)

The Supportive Care Clinic (as above) is expanding and actively seeking a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) or licensed professional counselor (LPC) for the role of Behavioral Mental Health (BMH) therapist to act as the interdisciplinary psychosocial clinician in Supportive Care Clinic, an outpatient palliative oncology clinic for children with cancer and their families who sustain significant challenges to their quality of life.

The BMH therapist will provide evidence-based individual and group therapy focused on a broad range of conditions, including anxiety, mood disorders, physical and somatic conditions. In addition, the therapist will conduct interdisciplinary visits with other members of the Supportive Care team (MD, NP, psychologist). All patients are referred internally from Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center providers, and all have a life-threatening or life-limiting illness. Appointments will be a mixture of in-person and telehealth. The focus is on physical, emotional, social, and existential suffering, family coping, sibling challenges, anticipatory grief, end-of-life, hospice coordination, and bereavement. The therapist would work closely with the Supportive Care psychologist, other Aflac psychologists and social workers, the outpatient and inpatient interdisciplinary palliative care team, psychiatry, chaplains and family support team members to develop and implement a comprehensive treatment and care coordination plan for each patient.

This role will also have time for bereavement planning including the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center's Annual Celebration of Life and group programming in collaboration with the outpatient Supportive Care psychologist.

Successful candidates should demonstrate competency in therapy, social work, and have excellent interpersonal skills, allowing for productive interactions with other providers, nurses, creative arts therapists, child life specialists, chaplains, and parent caregivers. The ability to function within an interdisciplinary team is paramount, as this therapist will work with Supportive Care and Oncology physicians, nurse practitioners, psychologists, and social workers. *Candidates with a strong background in palliative care, hospice, interdisciplinary practice, oncology, or pain-related coping preferred. Specific clinical training and skills related to the assessment and intervention of psychosocial needs associated with pediatric, adolescent and young adult's with serious illness, are necessary. Experience managing patients with total pain (physical, psychologic, spiritual, and social), psychologic distress, and/or experience with management of grief, bereavement, and end-of-life care are ideal qualifications.*



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### Interested in working with us? Contact:

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