



## **Professional Counselor**

**Basic Function:** To work with individual JFL participants and graduates who desire or accept an offer of professional and spiritual assistance in dealing with daily pressures and situations that hinder their forward movement.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Conduct an initial consultation with the JFL graduate at the Advance Memphis office
- Schedule follow-up visits with the graduate as needed
- Provide professional and spiritual guidance in helping the graduate to identify roadblocks and ways to maneuver around them
- Build an open relationship with the graduate so that he/she may feel comfortable opening up and revealing their personal, private information.
- Share God's unmerited grace with the graduate in word and deed
- Do whatever else the Lord leads you to in building a relationship with the graduate.

### **Required Skills and Attributes:**

- A Christian who believes God's word is truth and lives it out in every area of his/her life.
- A personal commitment to God's kingdom work specifically for the economically and spiritually poor.
- A commitment to racial and socio-economic reconciliation at a personal level, and a willingness to foster a relationship that goes beyond stereotypes and challenges your own perspectives.
- Recognition of the poor as individuals made in the image of God.
- Professional degree and/or license to provide professional and/or spiritual guidance
- A willingness to let a relationship with a graduate change and impact your life

### **Getting Started:**

- Contact Advance Memphis concerning your interest in volunteering as a Counselor
- Work with the Jobs for Life Facilitator to coordinate a session with participants/graduates here at the Advance Memphis facility.