

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN: JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: **Advocate - Hamilton County** (1.0 FTE) (Some of these positions partner and therefore spend a certain amount of hours per week at partnership sites: Law Enforcement Advocate (partners with police districts), Legal Aid Advocate, Prosecutor's Advocate, Personal Crime Unit Advocate, Lighthouse Advocate.

FUNCTION: Provides crisis intervention and support, advocacy, information, and referral to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. This includes telephone, written, hospital, court, face-to-face and support group advocacy. Works consistently within the mission, vision, and values of the Agency.

KEY JOB RELATIONSHIPS: Reports to Director of Hamilton County Services, serves survivors, collaborates and coordinates with community agencies, organizations to provide appropriate resource/referral sources.

QUALIFICATIONS: BA/BS in Education or Human Service Related Field or equivalent experience required. 1 year of experience in field (SA, DV, crisis intervention with victims, advocacy) preferred. 1 to 2 years experience delivering direct services in field preferred. Experience in training / education delivery preferred. Computer literacy (MS Office, databases, email, etc.) required.

RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS:

Programming

Provides direct crisis intervention services to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

- Provides telephone and one-on-one crisis intervention, hospital advocacy, civil and criminal court accompaniment, and support group facilitation.
- Answers the Hotline and provides other services as needed/assigned.
- Makes appropriate assessment of abuser and survivor lethality danger, assists client with safety planning and provides information and referrals with each client as appropriate.
- Makes needed assessment of abuser/primary aggressor, independently of assessments made by law enforcement or the courts, and ensures that all survivors of abuse are served regardless of their status as a Defendant, pursuant to Agency policy.
- Accompanies clients to proceedings/appointments/meetings as needed to provide information, advocacy, support, and safety.
- Advocates for survivors based on survivor-defined goals and with the consent of the survivor.
- Facilitates educational and/or support groups for clients, as assigned.
- Maintains access to reliable transportation and maintains insurance on vehicle(s) used for duties.
- Is available for back up after-hours duty at a minimum of once per month or as needed determined by the supervisor.

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- Provides program services that are:
 - o Client focused to support and meet client/community needs.
 - o Excellent in quality and empowering to the clients.
 - o Affirms the value of diversity and inclusion, and is respectful to all survivors (e.g., gender identity, class, race, ethnicity, ability, religion/spirituality, cultural identity, immigrant or refugee status, and sexual orientation).

Outcome Analysis of Programs & Continuous Improvement

- Maintains highly accurate records / reporting systems / statistics and submits on time (e.g., documentation for WHW, for funders, for partner agencies).
- Participates in the on-going process of evaluation and revising policies, procedures, and forms as appropriate.
- Maintains file information that is usable and accessible to colleagues.

Agency Teamwork

- Establishes and maintains effective and professional working relationships with coworkers, volunteers, interns, donors, and board members.
- Participates in any additional training and development opportunities provided by the Agency.
- Provides training, support, and evaluation of volunteer and interns assigned to this position, including verification of observation logs, as requested by supervisor.
- Participates actively in Agency meetings and functions.

Community Leadership

- Develops and maintains effective, professional, and collaborative relationships with others in the community.
- Collaborates with other Agency staff to ensure the provision of crisis intervention, support and advocacy is coordinated with other community systems.
- Exercises discretion when representing the Agency and maintains confidentiality in interactions within community as appropriate.
- Consistently advances the Agency and promotes positive public relations.
- Affirms the value of diversity, and is respectful of others in regards to/ does not discriminate based on gender, class, race, ethnicity, ability, religion/spirituality, cultural identity, immigrant or refugee status, and sexual orientation.

Supervision: N/A

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: To facilitate Agency effectiveness, may be expected to take on other duties assigned. Availability of transportation in order to provide service in the community is required.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Director of Hamilton County Services
TIME COMMITMENT: Full-time
PAY BASIS: Hourly

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BENEFITS: As stated in the current Human Resources Policies

CONFIDENTIALITY: May be involved in confidential personnel, and interagency issues.
Responsible for client confidentiality.

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