

Job Posting: Domestic Violence Counselor/Therapist

Posting Date: December 20, 2017

Position Title: Domestic Violence Counselor/Therapist

Classification: Exempt status

Reports to: Associate Director

Hours Per Week: 40

Schedule: Monday – Friday 9:00am-5:00pm, with flexibility required for holidays, evenings and weekends

Anticipated Start Date: February 2018

Safe Homes of Orange County is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3), located in Orange County, New York, that has grown from a grassroots small group of committed individuals in 1986 to an organization, leader, and resource in the field of domestic violence and human trafficking advocacy and services in Orange County. Our many programs include a Family Justice Center, an emergency shelter, a legal program, individual counseling and advocacy, support groups throughout Orange County, community education and outreach program.

Duties & Responsibilities:

Safe Homes of Orange County seeks a full-time therapist to provide trauma-informed, clinical services and individual and group therapy to victims of domestic violence.

Responsibilities of the position include but are not limited to:

- Provide individual and group counseling and/or therapy to clients of Safe Homes of Orange County;
- Provide culturally informed emotional support and crisis intervention;
- Maintain client records, documentation, group logs and statistical information, as requested, in accordance with agency policy and utilize the agency database as expected;
- Attend and actively participate in supervision, staff meetings, other agency meetings and trainings, as assigned and scheduled;
- Answer hotline calls, as needed, and provide nonjudgmental supportive counseling regarding domestic violence and options;
- Provide walk-in services to victims, as needed;
- Provide advocacy, resources and/or information and referral, as needed;
- Other duties as assigned

Qualified candidates will have:

- Master's Degree in Social Worker, Counseling or related field; License strongly preferred
- Two years of prior counseling experience
- Experience in the field of domestic violence, human trafficking, or victimization and knowledge of trauma strongly preferred
- Strong Communication skills (both written and oral) in English and Spanish (preferred)
- Ability to work a flexible schedule, including some evenings and weekends
- Ability to work in a fast paced, crisis oriented environment: assess priorities, take initiative, handle multiple assignments and meet deadlines.
- Ability to work cooperatively and supportively as part of a team.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships and communication with others, and exhibit patience and understanding toward client population being served.
- Experience working with diverse populations and seeks understanding of cultural differences.
- Understand and work from a feminist philosophy of empowerment, and support SHOC mission and purpose.
- Display commitment to ending violence against women and children and a commitment to social change through active participation in working towards ending racism, classism, sexism, ageism, homophobia, ableism, and all forms of oppression; demonstrate willingness to gain understanding of issues of oppression, battering and sexual assault.
- Model and uphold appropriate boundaries and confidentiality in work with clients, co-workers, supervisor, and community.
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds, navigate stairs, and periods of sitting, standing and walking required.
- Experience with Microsoft Word and Excel is preferred.
- A valid, insurable driver's license and transportation required.
- Ability to travel extensively throughout Orange County.

Cover letter and resume required. Please submit by 01/05/2018 via email or fax only to:

Attention: Sarita Green, Associate Director
Email: sgreen@safehomesorangecounty.org
Fax: 845-562-2216

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