

A Safe Place
Lake County Crisis Center

Art Therapist

The Art Therapist is responsible for providing services to children and their families who have witnessed or are experiencing domestic violence, in order to foster and enhance their creativity and socialization. Reports to the Director of Counseling Services and works closely with all programs.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide safe and proper art therapy services to a minimum of 17 clients per week.
- Develop, implement, and evaluate an art therapy program for children and their families receiving care from A Safe Place
- Foster positive and professional interpersonal relationships with children and their families, staff, community representatives and visitors.
- Effectively use interpersonal communication skills to promote a healing environment.
- Conduct comprehensive psychological assessment and develop behavioral plans.
- Over time, assess changes in client behavior and modifies service plans based on findings.
- Develop and conduct individual, group and family creative arts therapy sessions that include long-term and short-term goals based on assessment and ongoing observation.
- Design and implement a variety of goal-oriented group sessions that utilize art and other creative modalities as needed. Assess effectiveness of sessions and makes appropriate changes when needed.
- Provide education on the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, Orders of Protection and stalking laws to enhance client safety and abuser accountability, providing referral sources internally and/or externally when appropriate.
- Plan and implement a structured experience to enhance client's self-awareness and self-expression.
- Encourage independent creative expression through the use of creative arts, music or related media.
- Ensure documentation of client sessions is appropriate, accurate, timely and in accordance with agency policies and funding requirements.
- Maintain creative arts therapy materials for use in therapy sessions.
- Organize and maintain children's therapy rooms.
- Participate in staff meeting, case management and other training and meetings as requested.
- Work as a team player in the organization.
- Perform additional responsibilities as assigned.

Qualifications:

- MA, MS, or MAAT in Counseling and Art Therapy
- LPC, LCPC, or must be eligible for licensure within one (1) year of hire.
- Registered Art Therapist or must be eligible for registration within one (1) year of hire.
- Current registration with respective professional association.
- Minimum 3 years experience as an Art Therapist
- Flexibility in scheduling to meet client needs
- Ability to accept, to understand, and to relate sensitively to people of varied socio-economic, racial, cultural, gender preference, sexual preference and experiential backgrounds.
- A commitment to the philosophy and program of A Safe Place, which includes commitment to survivor's and children's issues, sharing a belief in helping to create a society free from violence, and in working in a cooperative environment.