

**A SAFE PLACE
LAKE COUNTY CRISIS CENTER**

Bilingual Family Therapist

The Bilingual Family Therapist is responsible for providing services to adults, children and families identified as high risks for emotional, physical, educational and social behavioral problems as a result of witnessing or experiencing domestic violence. S/he reports to the Counseling Coordinator and works closely with the Housing Coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provide individual therapy, counseling, support, and education regarding domestic violence issues using a non-judgmental approach in working with clients and/or their children.

Conduct intake and eligibility evaluations to determine client needs.

Develop individual service and safety plans.

Review and utilize appropriate assessment tools for the purpose of identifying high-risk children served by A Safe Place (ASP).

Assist in the development of, and utilize, evaluation tools to assess the quality and effectiveness of the enhanced children's services.

Ensure documentation in client records is appropriate, accurate, timely and in accordance with agency policies and funding requirements.

Provide follow-up services for former residents of emergency shelter.

Provide information on the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, Orders of Protection and stalking laws to enhance client safety and abuser accountability.

Develop and facilitate adult and child groups.

Participate in staff meetings, case management and other training and meetings as requested.

Work as a team player in the organization.

Perform additional responsibilities as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bilingual Spanish required.

Masters degree in social work, counseling or closely related field.

Excellent written and oral communication and interpersonal skills that demonstrate genuine concern and respect toward clients and other staff.

Ability to provide active listening, encouragement, motivation and counseling to clients through the use of a self-help, empowerment model of service provision.

Ability to engage clients in services.

Ability to manage time effectively and to organize and prioritize daily assignments and scheduling of client appointments.

Flexibility in scheduling to meet client and agency needs.

Ability to accept, to understand, and to relate sensitively to people of varied socio-economic, racial, cultural, and experiential backgrounds.

A commitment to the philosophy and program of A SAFE PLACE, which includes a commitment to women's issues, sharing a belief in helping to create a society free from violence, and in working in a cooperative environment.

CLASSIFICATION:

Exempt, full-time, salaried employee.

Please be aware that an agreement to hire should not be considered a contract of employment for any definite period of time or the guarantee of any particular rules, policies and conditions of employment. In addition, under Illinois law the employment relationship is terminable at will by either party.

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Executive Director

Staff: _____ Date: _____

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