

A SAFE PLACE
LAKE COUNTY CRISIS CENTER
Team Up Licensed Therapist

The 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 Gun Violence. This position reports to the Program Coordinator of Team Up and works closely with all A Safe Place programs to ensure that Waukegan-North Chicago Corridor residents have access to the program's services.

A Safe Place is a recognized 501(c)3 listed under Lake County Crisis Center for the Prevention & Treatment of Domestic Violence Inc.

Position is located in North Chicago, IL.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provides Trauma-Specific Therapeutic Services including: individual psychotherapy, group therapy, and family therapy, grief counseling, mindfulness, relaxation-based treatments, art-therapy, support, and education regarding Gun Violence issues using a non-judgmental approach in working with youth ages 6-24 and their family members.
- Conduct intake and eligibility evaluations to determine client needs. Provide Trauma-informed Screening and Assessment; and Psychoeducation and Psychological First Aid; Service Linkage and Resource Navigation.
- Develop individual service and safety plans.
- Minimum 70% direct client service hours.
- Review and utilize appropriate assessment tools for the purpose of identifying high-risk youth served by A Safe Place (ASP).
- Assist in the development of, and utilize, evaluation tools to assess the quality and effectiveness of the youth services described in the proposal narrative
- Ensure documentation in client records is appropriate, accurate, timely and in accordance with agency policies and funding requirements.
- Complete IM + CANS training, the assessment that provides a standardized, modular framework for assessing the global needs and strengths of individuals who require mental health treatment when working with clients.
- Develop and facilitate adult and children 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:

- Master's degree in social work, counseling or closely related field.
- **Fully Licensed (LCPC/LCSW) preferred. LSW/LPC in process of full licensure will be considered.**
- 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 survivor's issues & children'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.