

**A SAFE PLACE  
LAKE COUNTY CRISIS CENTER  
Family & Child Therapist(Part-Time)**

The Family & Child Therapist (Part-Time 19.5hrs weekly) is responsible for providing services to individuals identified as high risks for emotional, physical, educational and social behavioral problems as a result of witnessing or experiencing domestic violence. Therapist is responsible for the planning, recruitment and successful execution of delivery of individual services, group services and case management. Reports to the Clinical Director and Coordinator of Counseling Services. works closely with the clinical staff as well as all programs.

*Office location Lake Forest, IL. Position requires meeting clients in various locations*

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provide therapy, counseling, support, and education regarding domestic violence issues using a non-judgmental, trauma-informed approach in working with clients, in the determined locations within the designated communities.
- Effectively collaborate with the Development Team to increase marketing and outreach to communicate services to communities served.
- Assist in the distribution of materials within the communities to bring awareness and promote our services.
- Collaborate with counseling department to move clients from waiting list status to in-service status in a timely manner.
- Conduct intake and eligibility evaluations to determine client needs.
- Develop individual service and safety plans.
- Provide individual counseling support that is person-centered; goal oriented; and trauma informed.
- Effectively facilitate adult groups in off-site locations that promote safety, empowerment and provide healing opportunities toward goal achievement.
- Review and utilize appropriate assessment tools for the purpose of identifying service goals for clients.
- Ensure documentation in client records is appropriate, accurate, timely and in accordance with agency policies and funding requirements.
- Provide psychoeducation in individual and group settings about the effects of domestic violence, trauma recovery, and strengths development in a person-centered approach. Respond to incoming calls and referrals for service in a swift timeframe assessing client safety and immediate needs.
- Foster and nurture relationships with community partners in offsite locations.
- Effectively communicate with the agency to assure quality service for clients.
- Effectively interact with the pillars and commitments of the Sanctuary Model with staff, clients, volunteers and community.
- Encourages volunteers to join or maintain role in agency with support and opportunities for service.

- Effectively learn the supportive technology of the agency (Paylocity, File Share, Microsoft applications and ASP phone service).
- Maintains confidentiality standards consistent with ASP policies.
- 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:**

- Masters degree in social work, counseling or closely related field. LSW/LPC or ability to obtain licensure within a reasonable time after hire.
- Excellent written and oral communication and interpersonal skills that demonstrate genuine concern and respect toward clients and other staff.
- Ability to create and present program and ideas to community leaders, centers of influence and decision makers for marketing and awareness through the use of various technology and materials available.
- 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.
- Travel Required(mileage reimbursement).
- 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 & children's issues, sharing a belief in helping to create a society free from violence, and in working in a cooperative environment.