

Lake County Crisis Center

A Safe Place

Licensed Art Therapist

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The Licensed Art Therapist will develop, implement, and evaluate an art therapy program for children, adults and their families receiving care from A Safe Place.
- Expectation goal of 70% direct client service hours including Counseling & Art Therapy Services.
- Ensure documentation of client sessions is appropriate, accurate, timely and in accordance with agency policies and funding requirements.
- Foster positive and professional interpersonal relationships with children, adults 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.
- The Art Therapist develops and conducts individual, group and family creative arts therapy sessions that include long-term and short-term goals based on assessment and ongoing observation.
- Develop and implement ongoing arts-based support groups.
- 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.
- Required to complete and utilize 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.
- Encourage creative expression through use of visual arts mediums.
- Maintain creative arts therapy materials for use in therapy sessions.
- Organize and maintain Art therapy wing rooms.

- 7 day on-call rotating schedule to support Emergency Shelter as needed (entire behavioral health team).
- 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:

- Master's degree in Social Work, Counseling, Art Therapy or closely related field.
- *LCPC or LCSW strongly preferred, or must be eligible for full licensure within one (1) year of hire.*
- *ATR) Registered Art Therapist strongly preferred or ATR-Provisional required.*
- *Current registration with respective professional association.*
- Creative, outside the box programs to maximize client's interest & creativity.
- Flexibility in scheduling to meet client needs, some 10-6pm/11-7pm days.
- Some travel required, to Gurnee & Round Lake Beach locations(reimbursement)
- Familiarity with the dynamics of domestic violence and its impact on survivors and children.

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.

Job Type: Full-time