



DOMESTIC ABUSE PROJECT OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INC.
14 West Second Street
Media, PA 19063

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Mission: The Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County (DAP) works to prevent domestic violence and empower victims to move towards self-sufficiency.

Title: Safe House Advocate
Classification: Part-time, Non-exempt
Location: Safe House
Supervisor: Safe House Manager

Purpose:

The Safe House Advocate supports the mission of the DAP by providing advocacy, counseling, information, referrals, and other related services to victims of domestic violence residing in the organization's safe house. The Safe House Advocate position is a part-time (32 hours per week) position. Nights, weekends, and holidays to ensure adequate 24-hour coverage of the safe house may be required. There are no supervisory responsibilities.

Essential Duties:

- Provide and arrange for shelter for qualified persons
- Complete safe house intake and other related forms as required
- Orient residents to the safe house, acquainting them with the physical space and guidelines for communal living
- Conduct exit interviews with residents leaving the safe house
- Support residents in implementation of individual safety and goal plans
- Support Case Managers in providing individual advocacy, supportive services, counseling, crisis support, case management, and other services as needed
- Provide information and referrals for residents and their children
- Facilitate house meetings
- Comply with guidelines related to government food supplies, gift cards, in-kind donations, and other resources
- Assist in the care and maintenance of the safe house
- Respond to callers accessing DAP by way of the 24-hour hotline, including crisis intervention
- Accurately input statistical information in DAP's database
- Work cooperatively with other safe house staff to support positive communal living
- Work cooperatively with other DAP staff to ensure holistic response and service delivery to residents
- Participate in safe house and organizational staff meetings
- Complete and submit service logs and time sheets on time

Qualifications and Competencies:

- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, including active listening
- Support effective resolution of complex or sensitive disagreements or conflicts
- Ability to build constructive working relationships characterized by a high level of acceptance, cooperation, and mutual respect
- Ability to work well independently, setting high standards of performance for self and assuming responsibility and accountability for successful completion of assignments or tasks
- Ability to work well with others, promoting commitment within the team to achieve goals and objectives
- Interest in delivering trauma-informed human services in a complex environment, placing a high value on creating an environment that embraces and appreciates diversity
- Maintain confidentiality and earn through and respect through consistent honesty and professionalism in all interactions
- Knowledge of the dynamics of domestic violence, understanding of the social service system, and experience in crisis intervention in a residential setting preferred

Work Environment:

- Work is primarily performed in secured residential safe house with communal areas as well as an office setting
- Requires the ability to monitor and observe the activities of residents (adult and child) within the safe house
- Regular exposure to cleaning products, chemicals, and solvents
- Routine need to move or transport supplies or other equipment, potentially while ascending or descending stairs

Other Requirements:

- Successful completion of required organizational training
- Satisfactory Criminal Background Check and other organizationally required clearances

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