



Full-Time Domestic Violence Counselor

Overview:

The Violence Prevention Center is looking for a full-time professional counselor to join our counseling team. This is an opportunity for a dynamic counselor to empower survivors of domestic violence and make an impact in our communities. This position provides counseling, group sessions, advocacy, crisis intervention, safety-planning, information, referrals, and related services to survivors of domestic violence.

Responsibilities:

- Offers individual counseling, information/referrals, advocacy, safety-planning, and crisis intervention both in person and via tele-health.
- Maintain caseload of 20-25 clients weekly.
- Understand, communicate, and assist with domestic violence processes when appropriate, including orders of protections, hearings, court related matters, and victim's compensation applications.
- Develop and maintain positive working relationships with community providers.
- Provide domestic violence centered education and training when needed.
- Meet identified annual program goals including new clients, individual sessions, family sessions, and group sessions.
- Local travel when necessary.

Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm for the mission of the Violence Prevention Center and the survivors we serve.
- MA/MS in counseling, social work or closely related field.
- Requires license or must become licensed within 18 months of hire.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Counseling/advocacy training and experience.
- Ability to work with diverse population.
- Capacity to work independently while in collaboration with a team.
- Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional or must become certified within 18 months.
- Valid driver's license required.

Hours: A flexible 40-hour schedule including two evenings per week.

Compensation: This position offers competitive salary with benefits package including health, dental, and life insurance, paid time off, and retirement plan options.

About the Agency: The Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois (VPC) works to eliminate domestic violence in individual lives and society as a whole. The agency believes that all people have the right to be free from harm, to be respected, and to determine and pursue their own goals. Operating with these values allows the VPC to meet clients where they are and empowers survivors to heal from trauma. The VPC accomplishes this through survivor-led support services including a 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling, legal advocacy, emergency housing, and rapid rehousing. These life-saving services are essential to the survivors of domestic violence we serve and provide clients with the best opportunities to create lasting safety and peace in their lives.

To Apply: Please send cover letter and resume to darlene.jones@vpcswi.org