

**Position:** Shelter Counselor  
**Department:** Counseling Services  
**Reports To:** Director of Counseling Services

**Status:** Non-Exempt  
**Hours:** 35 hours

**Scope of Work:**

The primary objective of the counselor is to provide shelter clients with support and options to lead a life free of violence. **It is expected that the counselor's job performance will incorporate the practice and promotion of New Hope's core values, which include respect, teamwork, empowerment and professionalism.**

**Primary Duties:**

- Provide individual and group counseling for sexual assault, sexual abuse, and domestic violence victims and significant others affected by sexual assault issues. Provide primarily shelter based services.
- Assess clinical needs including referrals for psychiatric, substance abuse, or other related evaluation.
- Maintain liaison with collateral clinical providers as necessary for coordination of treatment and services.
- Provide counseling consultation to shelter and agency staff.
- Develop and implement programs in both shelter sites, including structured activities and groups for clients that will promote life skills and a deeper understanding of domestic violence
- Attend weekly shelter casework meeting at both shelters
- Participate in Shelter backup on-call clinical support
- Accept assignments at alternate sites as requested.
- Complete assignments as requested by the VP-Operations and/or Senior Management.

**General Duties:**

- Maintain up-to-date case notes relative to all client and collateral contacts.
- Collect client/support group participant fees and maintain records of payment, if appropriate.
- Complete statistical forms documenting service delivery.
- Will attend quarterly All-agency meetings
- Will attend regular supervision meetings
- Will conduct him/herself according to the agency's stated policies and procedures
- Will comply with agency's confidentiality policy.

**Education & Experience:**

- Master's degree in Social Work or Counseling
- Knowledge of and/or experience with sexual assault and domestic violence issues and sensitivity to multicultural issues.
- Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively and team with other professionals.

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