

Position: Shelter Counselor
Department: Counseling Services
Reports to: Director of Residential Services

Status: Non-Exempt
Hours: 35 hours
Flexible Hours: some weekend or evening hours

Scope of Work:

The primary objective of the counselor is to provide 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 to two confidential shelters.
- 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 Residential Director and/or Shelter Managers.
- Intern partnerships

General Duties:

- Maintain up-to-date case notes relative to all client and collateral contacts.
- 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.

Skills and Ability:

- Ability to communicate effectively and with sensitivity
- Strong interpersonal, organizational, prioritizing and management skills
- Self-motivated, self-reliant, dependable
- Demonstrates maturity, self-awareness and initiative
- Demonstrated ability to write clearly and produce concise reports
- Valid driver's license and dependable transportation
- Ability to enter non-handicapped-accessible buildings

Education & Experience:

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

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