



Part-Time Domestic Violence Shelter Advocate

Overview:

The Violence Prevention Center is looking for a part-time Shelter Advocate to provide a safe and welcoming environment for survivors of domestic violence. This is an opportunity to empower survivors of domestic violence and make an impact in our communities by providing crisis intervention, support, and compassion without judgement.

Responsibilities:

- Respond to domestic violence crisis hotline calls.
- Provide emotional support and encouragement to clients.
- Monitor the shelter for safety, order, and overall smooth operation of shelter.
- Complete required documentations of services and other reports as requested.
- Ensure that basic shelter supplies are stocked and available.
- Assist residents with needs.
- Clean and prepare rooms upon client departures.

Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm for the mission of the Violence Prevention Center and the survivors we serve.
- Minimum of 2 years related education or experience required.
- BA or BS in psychology, sociology, social work, or closely related field strongly preferred.
- Ability to work with diverse populations.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Capacity to work independently while in collaboration with a team.
- Capability to handle stressful situations while remaining calm and utilizing good judgement.
- Must possess valid driver's license, proof of auto insurance, and have ability to drive agency van.

Hours: This position works approximately 15-20 hours per week during evening, weekends, and holidays.

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 resume to ora.mcnaire@vpcswi.org