



Full-Time Domestic Violence Shelter Advocate- Second Shift

Overview:

The Violence Prevention Center is looking for a full-time shelter advocate to join our Emergency Shelter team. This is an opportunity for a patient, caring, and supportive professional to work with survivors of domestic violence. This position provides supportive counseling, group sessions, advocacy, crisis intervention, safety planning, information, referrals, and related services to survivors residing in the shelter.

Responsibilities:

- Encourages and assists clients to meet their goals.
- Answer domestic violence crisis hotline calls and respond appropriately.
- Monitors the shelter for safety, order, and overall operations of the shelter.
- Asses family needs including discussing difficult topics of abuse history, child abuse and neglect, parenting issues, and DCFS involvement with compassion and without judgment.
- Collaborate with Case Managers and additional staff to promote safety and positive outcomes for residents.
- Communicate complex topics including Illinois Domestic Violence Act rights, the court process for Orders of Protection, and how to report violations.
- Maintain a safe, clean, and well-stocked shelter environment for residents and staff.

Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm for the mission of the Violence Prevention Center and the survivors we serve
- Minimum of 4 years related education/experience required.
- BA/BS in counseling, social work or a closely related field strongly preferred.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work and connect with diverse populations.
- Capacity to work independently while in collaboration with a team.
- Valid driver's license, automobile insurance, and reliable transportation required.

Hours: This position works a regular schedule of 5 days per week from 2:00 pm -10:00 pm

Compensation: This position offers a salary range of \$40,000- \$45,000 with a 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 a cover letter and resume to ora.mcnair@vpcswi.org