Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, Inc. Survivor Advocate Specialist - Presidio

The Survivor Advocate Specialist reports directly to the Executive Director. Primary responsibilities: provision of advocate services is to provide direct Family violence and sexual assault survivor services, shelter management, client file maintenance, facilitating group sessions, outreach/community education, supervision of shelter staff and on-call personnel. The position is salaried, full-time, a minimum of 40 hours per week.

Responsibilities as Survivor Advocate Specialist

Provide direct survivor services; assist/refer survivors in immediate need of crisis intervention, advocacy, safety, shelter, food, clothing, comfort, and emergency medical/legal needs of clients, and aid clients with safety planning. Respond to unscheduled initial client contacts during office hours, as well as after-hours telephone requests for assistance and in-person visits to the police station and hospital. Provide transportation as appropriate.

- 1. Provide Peer Support Services/Support Groups, assist with Victim Impact Statements, assist clients with Crime Victims Compensation, VINE, Information, and referral, Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice/Medical Accompaniment, legal assistance, and provide follow-up/follow-through with client.
- 2. Monitors counseling schedule and appointments
- 3. Attends quarterly SART meeting
- 4. Be on-call up to 24 hours per day, one or more weeks per month to provide survivor intervention and shelter supervision.
- 5. Maintain client records, complete management reports related to client statistics and grant requirements
- 6. Schedule and provide Outreach/Community based Education programs to businesses, community/civic groups, faith-based groups, law enforcement, volunteers, and students as appropriate based on job description
- 7. Provides for the maintenance of the facility, oversees the shelter is kept clean, neat, and orderly

Other Responsibilities:

- 1. Have a vehicle suitable for transporting clients and a valid driver's license, and fulfill any other requirements mandated by Texas, which allow operation of a motor vehicle.
- 2. Have a home phone
- 3. Submit documentation of time, travel, and services
- 4. Perform any and all duties as required by the Program and Executive Director and other duties as assigned

Oualifications:

Minimum of a Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience, ability to observe confidentiality policy, a desire to help victims, home management (parenting, and family interactive skills), excellent computer skills required; strong sense of teamwork and cooperation with the ability to work independently; excellent written and oral communication skills; highly organized; mature attitude (professional work demeanor); able to handle stressful situations; prefer experience with domestic violence and sexual assault dynamics. Bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred. Ability to walk, bend, stoop, twist at waist, reach, climb stairs, lift, and carry at least 30 lbs. This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive. FCCBB reserves the right to revise job duties as needed. This job description does not constitute a written or implied contract of employment. Due to the nature of our business, it is probable there will be times employees will be expected to work some evenings, nights, and/or weekends.