

RESILIENCE
Dance Movement Trauma Therapist
Job Posting

Position Title: Dance Movement Trauma Therapist

Reports to: Creative Arts Therapy Supervisor

Salary Range: \$43,000- \$46,000

Benefits: HMO, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance fully covered by employer. Holiday, Vacation and Sick time

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

Resilience (formerly Rape Victim Advocates) is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the healing and empowerment of sexual assault survivors through non-judgmental crisis intervention counseling, individual and group trauma therapy, and medical and legal advocacy in the greater Chicago metropolitan area. Resilience provides public education and institutional advocacy in order to improve the treatment of sexual assault survivors and to effect positive change in policies and public attitudes toward sexual assault. Established in 1974, Resilience now serves more than 2000 survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones annually through our main office in downtown Chicago and our community-based offices in Austin, Ravenswood, and on the Stroger Hospital campus.

GENERAL ROLE DESCRIPTION

The Dance Movement Therapist (DMT)/Trauma Therapist will be part of the Creative Arts Therapy sub-team within the Trauma Therapy team at Resilience. This therapist will be responsible for providing individual, couples, and family therapy as well as facilitating support groups for adult and adolescent sexual assault survivors and their significant others at the Northside Satellite Office. This position will provide both dance movement therapy and trauma therapy for clients on their caseload depending on client need and interest. This is a full-time, exempt position.

This position is part of a Sexual Assault Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) funded by a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority beginning in 2016. The MDT will be coordinated by the Cook County State's Attorney and brings together the Chicago Police Department, Resilience, and Life Span to improve the criminal justice response to sexual assault survivors. This MDT includes unprecedented opportunities to review case files and evaluate data as well as to develop clear protocol, increase a trauma-informed understanding of sexual assault victims, cross-train and increase access to services for survivors and their loved ones. **Please note that this position is partially funded by the MDT grant; the grant has been awarded through 2021.**

Responsibilities

1. Provide individual, couples, family, and group trauma therapy & dance movement therapy for adolescent and adult victims/survivors of sexual violence and their significant others.
2. Maintain a caseload of therapy clients appropriate to level of employment and program needs.
3. Assess/screen individuals to determine appropriate level of intervention and services.
4. Discern when and how to integrate dance movement therapy into trauma therapy services within individual caseload.
5. Develop and lead dance movement therapy groups and workshops.
6. Participate in quarterly skill-shares for clinical staff & interns to provide education around your creative arts therapy modality.
7. Promptly respond to requests for therapy services and maintain intake and referral records.
8. Participate in regular supervision, consultation, program, and staff meetings.
9. Participate in trainings as a presenter, for Resilience professional and new volunteer trainings as assigned.
10. Collaborate with staff and interns on the trauma therapy team in order to enhance the effectiveness of the agency's services.
11. Monitor and meet goals related to established service projections.
12. Complete monthly reports and documentation in accordance with ICASA and agency standards
13. Perform other duties as assigned.

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Requirements

- Master's degree in Dance Movement Therapy & Counseling required. Clinical licensure preferred (LSW/LCSW or LPC/LCPC); if not licensed, must be license-eligible and successful completion of licensure required within 6 months of hire.
- BC-DMT preferred; but must be BC-DMT eligible and successful completion of certification required within 6 months of hire.
- Minimum two years of experience in providing counseling services is required, including support groups and family counseling.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Excellent counseling and client assessment skills.
- Excellent documentation and organizational skills.
- Previous experience facilitating presentations on sexual violence; excellent presentation skills.
- Positive attitude and proactive approach to problem solving a must.
- Comfort with giving and receiving honest, constructive feedback.
- Ability to take initiative and work independently, as well as with a team.
- Previous experience working on women's issues, addressing sexual violence/gender-based violence, and working with diverse populations including LGBTQ communities and communities of color strongly preferred.
- Completion of a minimum of 40-hours of sexual assault training within 60 days of hire is required; prior completion of a minimum of 40-hour sexual assault training conforming to the standards set by the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault strongly preferred.
- Flexibility to work some evening hours is required.

Persons of color and LGBTQ persons are encouraged to apply. Resilience is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability in its procedures and policies.

To Apply:

Send your cover letter and resume by email to:

Jordan Ferranto, Creative Arts Therapy Supervisor

Resilience

jobs@ourresilience.org

Include Dance Therapist and your last name in the subject line.

Please note that resumes received without cover letters will not be considered.

No phone calls please!