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Job Posting

Job Title: Legal & Medical Advocate
Program: Advocacy Services
Salary Range: \$40-42K
Date Posted: 11/16/2020

Resilience 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. 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.

We are seeking a new Legal & Medical Advocate to join the team at our Austin Community Office. The Legal & Medical Advocate is responsible for providing legal advocacy to victims/survivors of sexual assault, including but not limited to accompaniment for survivors to police stations, throughout the court process, and to obtain an Order of Protection or a Civil No Contact Order; assistance with filing for crime victims' compensation and referrals for other services; discussing alternatives to the criminal justice system and/or providing referrals for any work-related issues. The Advocate liaisons with uniform police officers, sex crimes detectives and the State's Attorney Office to ensure proper charges are pursued and filed. In addition, the Legal & Medical Advocate will provide crisis intervention, emotional support, and appropriate referrals/linkages to sexual assault victims/survivors and their significant others. This position is part of the on-call staff rotation providing 24-hour crisis response to affiliated hospitals.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent relevant experience in the field of sexual assault or domestic violence required.
- Previous experience working on women's and/or human rights issues, addressing sexual violence/gender-based violence, and working with diverse populations including LGBTQ communities strongly preferred.
- Bilingual (written and verbal fluency) in Spanish/English strongly preferred; bicultural also strongly preferred.
- Regular access to a vehicle, valid driver's license and proof of insurance for effective service delivery is preferred.
- Completion of a minimum of 40-hours of sexual assault training within 60 days of hire is required; previous completion of the training is preferred.

To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter to our People & Culture team at jobs@ourresilience.org. No phone calls, please.

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.