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The Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center is a community-based, non-profit organization that works to reduce the trauma experienced by child abuse victims during the investigation, prosecution, and treatment phases of child abuse cases.

Job Description

Title: Education Specialist
Reports to: Chief Executive Officer – Jessica Milan Miller, M.A., MBA
Supervisor: Director of Education – Holly Tony, CSW
Classification: Full-Time, Entry-Level

Overview: The Education Specialist increases the capacity of the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) to carry out its mission by conducting educational presentations for children, adults, parents, mandated reporters, military personnel, school personnel, and other groups in the community focusing on age-appropriate body safety, internet safety, prevention, identification, and reporting of child sexual abuse, including human trafficking. The Education Specialist also promotes the mission of the CAC at community events and information fairs, conducted at various times, including some evenings and weekends.

Purpose:

- To reduce the number of future victims through community and school-based education
- To empower non-offending caregivers, educators, and the public to know how to identify and report suspected child abuse
- To positively influence service providers and other institutions toward better trauma-informed care and treatment of child abuse victims
- To promote the mission of the CAC and increase visibility of the CAC throughout Northwest Louisiana

Minimum Requirements:

- BA/BS in Psychology, Social Work, Human Service or related behavioral science or education field; case management experience in human services preferred; 2+ years of hands-on experience in the child abuse prevention field or direct service sector may be considered in lieu of related degree
- Strong public speaking skills and the ability to confidently speak in front of various audience types and sizes
- Proficient knowledge of child development and related dynamics
- Skilled in handling sensitive issues in a mature, confidential manner and with integrity and compassion; high level of discretion
- Knowledge of and sensitivity to family systems and child victimization
- Knowledge of the overall child protection and legal system
- Ability to work with children and their families in stressful situations
- Ability to work professionally with a variety of personalities, variety of disciplines, military partners, and function well within team environment

- Excellent communication, mediation, and problem-solving skills
- Ability to multi-task
- Willing to work after-hours and on weekends for presentations/community events as needed
- Organizational skills to independently manage workload and related responsibilities
- Flexibility of schedule to suit Center's needs
- Computer literacy in order to maintain and produce statistical records, internal and external correspondence, and multidisciplinary reports
- Comfortable with virtual learning and varying presenting environments, such as zoom, etc.
- Ability to adapt to different audience types and present accordingly
- Reliable transportation, valid driver's license, clear criminal background

Preferred Qualifications:

- Master's degree in Psychology, Social Work, Human Service or related beh. science field
- Direct experience working with abused children and their families
- Experienced presenter with audiences of various sizes and ages
- Prior training and experience as a victim advocate or case manager
- Knowledge of community-based services for abused children and their families

Responsibilities:

Prevention Education

- Assists in training and education both within the organization and to community agencies and professionals, including military personnel, school personnel, school-aged children and other civic groups in person and via virtual formats, such as zoom
- Conducts presentations to include these topics: general child abuse, internet safety and safe relationships, body safety, human trafficking awareness, mandated reporting and more
- Sets up, attends, and takes down information booths for military events, community fairs and related events, some of which take place in the evenings and on weekends
- Under the supervision of the Director of Education, maintains accurate, up to date information for schools and community-based agencies

Military Partnership

- In collaboration with the Director of Education, conducts prevention education presentations and related activities at Barksdale Air Force Base
- Participates in quarterly MDT-specific Multidisciplinary Team meetings and provides education to military partners
- Fosters a positive, collaborative working relationship with BAFB partners that are involved in child abuse investigations and related services to families
- Under the guidance of the Director of Education, maintains accurate, up to date resource and referral information for partner agencies and community-based service agencies
- Assists the Director of Education in ensuring goals and objectives of grant-funded projects involving the CAC and BAFB are carried out in a satisfactory manner by continually monitoring outcomes

Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) and Professional Training

- Fosters and maintains a trusting, helpful relationship with all MDT members including law enforcement, child protective services, district attorneys, military personnel, and medical / mental health professionals
- Participates in applicable statewide trainings and peer reviews through Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers
- Attends individual case staffing meetings when needed

- Maintains proficient knowledge of current techniques, controversies, and research in the fields of victim advocacy, child abuse, and challenges facing child abuse victims and military-affiliated families
- Attends professional development opportunities and trainings both in-state and out-of-state (min. 10 CEUs per year)

Administrative

- Adheres to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations
- Adheres to Personnel Policies and Procedures manual guidelines
- Maintains confidentiality of clients by requiring identification and authorization before releasing client information to third parties
- Maintains documentation of contacts, progress of cases, and if applicable, case-specific information in client's file
- Assists the Director of Education in collecting demographical information /service output statistics to meet annual Education Program goals and for grant evaluation purposes
- Attends staff meetings and promotes a team environment
- Positively represents the Children's Advocacy Center at ALL times, both during work activities as well as during personal time, including during community activities, in social media platforms, and in all personal and work-related posts and photos shared
- Makes recommendations to Supervisor and to the Chief Executive Officer regarding program status, development, and suggested improvements

Other

- Maintains and expands skill level and relevant knowledge base through supervision, case review, research, and professional growth
- Helps with fundraisers and special events
- Helps keep the Center clean and organized
- OTHER DUTIES, TASKS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS ASSIGNED BY SUPERVISOR AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Salary Package:

- Commensurate with experience, Entry Range: \$35,000 - \$50,000
- Health, Vision, Dental, and Life Insurance paid 100% by Agency
- Retirement Benefits with Employer Contribution
- Flexible Work Schedule; Agency closes at 12:30 PM on Fridays (must be able to flex time to meet the requirements of the Education Program, which can include scheduled early morning and evening presentations, as well as community events on certain weekends)
- Generous Paid Leave and Holidays
- Agency will provide training on-site and through collaboration with other community agencies
- Agency will allow for attendance, at a minimum, of one nationally recognized conference per year