



Healing and empowering children and families throughout Central Louisiana

Forensic Interviewer

As part of the Children's Advocacy Network, you will serve our community by being a voice for all children and providing support for vulnerable families. You will be part of a team that helps our community develop resiliency through adversity and promotes healthy and safe living. We provide opportunities for social service driven persons to promote safety and healing in our communities, achieve their goals, and advance their careers.

The ideal applicant for Forensic Interviewer must embody the passion and purpose of our organization and will be responsible for interviewing child victims of sexual abuse brought to Children's Advocacy Network by law enforcement, child protection investigators or D.A.'s office.

Skillsets preferred include:

- Passionate
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to interact with children of all ages and development.
- Ability to testify regarding interviews and defending interviews
- Ability to partner with like-minded and different individuals to achieve our mission
- Computer skills/Microsoft outlook, word, publisher, excel proficient/ zoom meetings
- Strong interpersonal skills

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in public administration, criminal justice, social work, law enforcement or other related field preferred
- Minimum of one year post degree experience conducting child interviews
- Work experience in child abuse investigations

- Training, knowledge and experience in the following areas:
 - Basic child development
 - Sexual and physical abuse, neglect, trauma, offender pathology and other pertinent topics
 - Cultural issues related to child abuse/neglect
- Experience working with diverse populations of clients
- Willingness to work with a flexible schedule when necessary
- Knowledge and understand of issues and dynamics within the child welfare judicial protection fields preferred.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Conduct forensic interviews with children alleging sexual abuse using forensic interviewing techniques in accordance with Interviewing Protocol and National Children's Alliance standards.
- Coordinate interview schedules with members of the multidisciplinary team (MDT).
- Prepare for, attend and present testimony in court hearings as subpoenaed, including both civil and criminal court.
- Act as a community liaison, encourage collaborative efforts in case management with all involved agencies.
- Meet and maintain skills in age-specific competencies related to children, in the areas of child abuse and family violence.
- Conduct case review activities through multidisciplinary team meetings.
- Provide training regarding interview protocols and child abuse prevention education.
- Obtain information from relatives/caregivers of the child prior to the interview.
- Facilitate MDT pre and post interview staffing and other case review meetings.
- Provide brokerage services to children and families and link them to other agencies that can assist their needs.
- Ensure psychosocial well-being of the child.
- Maintain case and advocacy center statistics.
- Assist with public awareness campaigns to increase community's knowledge of agency services and child abuse prevention.

Benefits

- Health Insurance: up to \$350 reimbursement
- Supplemental insurance by payroll deduction
- Retirement option through Simple IRA with up to 3% match
- Paid Time Off
- Holidays
- Sick leave
- Leave of absence, funeral leave, and parental/family and medical leave

If you are dedicated to empowering the futures of children, families, and communities and believe in changing despair into hope, we want you to become part of our mission. The Children's Advocacy Network wants you to join our unique, service oriented company culture that provides the opportunity for professional growth, leadership opportunities, and teamwork.

To apply, send your resume, cover letter, and three references to volunteer@childrensadvocacy.net or send by mail to the following address:

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