

Job Opportunities

Part-time Advocate for Children and Youth

The Part-time advocate for Children and Youth at Renewal House works closely with the children of the residents in the shelter program by providing childcare, activities and outings as well as supervising volunteers who work with the children/young people. The Children/Youth advocate works closely with the parents to do Children's assessments as well as with the Art Therapist in leading the weekly art therapy group. In addition the Children/Youth advocate will lead trainings in the community with young people on topics such as teen dating violence and peacemaking.

Renewal House is a temporary emergency shelter for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence. We provide individual and group advocacy and support, as well as referrals and guidance in the areas of housing, education, employment and the legal system. We are committed to social justice by working closely with individuals and families as they move forward in their lives. We do this through education, advocacy and acknowledging the intrinsic value of each individual.

Renewal House provides advocacy for survivors of all genders and sexual orientations.

We are looking for someone with strong interpersonal skills, experience in social service settings, especially in domestic violence issues, as well as a commitment to continued personal and professional growth. Ours is a supportive multi-cultural staff team.

Responsibilities include:

- Being a supportive presence in the shelter for individuals and families
- Answering and assisting callers on the hotline
- Planning and coordinating activities for children
- Supervising and training volunteers
- Co-facilitating outreach/education meetings in area high schools/middle schools
- Attending staff meetings and trainings
- Attending community networking and training meetings
- Continuing education in issues related to advocacy work (particularly for children)

*This is a part-time position Monday -Thursday 4-8pm
Occasional Saturday/Sunday*

Qualifications:

Commitment to social justice, experience with and enjoyment of working with children and families; excellent written and verbal communication skills; individual and group problem-solving and crisis intervention skills; computer aptitude, B.A. in social work or related field and/or comparable work experience with individuals in crisis; commitment to working to end domestic violence/abuse; team player; ability to take initiative and take responsibility for one's own professional development.

Individuals of all cultures, colors, genders and sexual orientations encouraged to apply. Bilingual (Spanish/English) skills highly preferred.

Salary: \$15/hour

Please mail or email resume and cover letter to: schorley@uum.or

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