

Renewal House Shelter/Community Advocate

The Shelter/Community Advocate works closely with the individuals and families in our shelter to help them in achieving their goals towards living a life free from violence and abuse. The Shelter/Community Advocate meets weekly with residents to support them in creating goals for themselves and their families – and works with them daily to make the steps towards achieving the goals. The Shelter/Community Advocate leads weekly groups with all residents – and frequent community groups with adults and young people in Mission Hill/Roxbury/Dorchester neighborhoods as well. The Shelter/Community Advocate partners with the residents to maintain the cleanliness of the shelter – as well as accepting and organizing donations, training and supervising volunteers and interns and compiling monthly statistics.

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:

- Providing supportive advocacy to individuals/families in the shelter
- Answering and assisting callers on the hotline
- Compiling monthly statistics required by grants and state contracts
- Facilitating support group meetings
- Assisting in managing the maintenance, organizing and cleanliness of the shelter
- Co-facilitating community outreach/education trainings with youth and adults
- Attending staff meetings and trainings
- Supervising volunteers and interns
- Attending community networking and training meetings
- Continuing education in issues related to advocacy work

Preferred hours: Sunday-Thursday flexible day/evening hours

Qualifications:

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

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

Salary: \$30,000 Excellent benefits.

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

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