

## **Counselor:**

### **Job Description:**

The CAC affiliated counselor will be responsible for assisting the client and his/her family in achieving safety, decreasing symptoms associated with the current sexual abuse/physical abuse traumatic event, increasing coping skills, identifying areas of increased emotional strength, and identifying and establishing relationships within the client's system that offer increased opportunities for support and healing. These goals may be achieved through a variety of clinical modalities: individual therapy with the child, individual sessions with the child's (non-offending) parent/caretaker, conjoint sessions with the child and appropriate others. These goals may also be achieved through application of a variety of sound clinical theoretical approaches: cognitive, behavioral, system's theory, psycho-educational, play therapy or some combination of the above. All theoretical approaches should operate from a strengths-based perspective. Valid MO license, either, LCSW or LPC, a copy of Medicaid provider number, and verification of liability insurance must be provided.

### **Qualifications:**

- Masters level degree and L.C.S.W. or L.P.C.
- Specialized training in working with sexually abused children.
- Two years of experience working with child victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to evaluate levels of emotional needs.
- Ability to relate to persons of diversity.
- Able to work flexible hours.
- Good communications with groups and individuals.
- Be able to travel throughout North Central Missouri.
- Must be of good moral character as substantiated by a criminal and civil background check

### **Responsibilities:**

1. Conduct individual sessions with children referred to the North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center (both victims, and witnesses) in a culturally sensitive manner;
2. Conduct individual sessions with child victims of sexual assault and domestic violence referred by a Crisis Shelter;
3. Utilize evidence based assessment tools that measure trauma;
4. If qualified, may conduct play therapy sessions;
5. Attend case review meetings if appropriate;
6. Make recommendations to the Multi-disciplinary team based on the assessment and evaluation of the needs presented by the child and family;
7. Inform prosecutors of progress of counselees and opinions to children's physical ability to testify in court;

8. Attend and testify in criminal court when needed;
9. Maintain required records and statistics as needed;
10. Maintain records on all children and families including but not limited to services provided, length of time a case is active, and a log of all referrals made to other agencies;
11. Respect and maintain confidentiality of information reported by child/family and records as directed by the policies of the North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center;
12. Participate in clinical supervision as designated by the Executive Director; 03/15
13. Attend training and educational events to remain current with best practices, new skills, techniques, and knowledge, consisting of a minimum of 8 contact hours per year; 10/14
14. Consistently demonstrate professional behavior and leadership skills that are in support of the vision, mission, and philosophy of the Child Advocacy Center;
15. Participate and present educational programs within the community as a resource for child abuse and protection issues;
16. Represent the Child Advocacy Center in related activities, including fundraising initiatives and community outreach; and
17. Perform other tasks and responsibilities as requested to assist with everyday functioning of the Center.