



The Center for the
Prevention of Child Abuse

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Position Title: Trauma Therapist
Salary: \$75,000
Job Type: Full Time

Qualifications:
Master's (Required)
Clinical Social Worker (Required)

Job Summary: The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is seeking a Trauma Therapist to work in its Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) at the Dutchess County Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The Trauma Therapist will provide psychotherapy services to children and non-offending caregivers who have experienced trauma, abuse, and/or maltreatment. The therapist will work with Advocates within the MDT to receive and schedule psychotherapy treatment referrals for children served by the Advocacy Center. As appropriate, the therapist will collaborate with law enforcement and child protective services personnel to establish and respond to child and family service needs. The therapist should be comfortable working with complex family and caregiving arrangements. They should possess a high-level of professionalism and engagement skill in approaching multiple caregivers and systems-involved families. The therapist will interface with community providers especially Dutchess County child welfare and foster care personnel. Additional tasks may include coordinating with community behavioral health providers for level-of-care changes (e.g. hospital discharge) and conducting suicide safety and risk assessments on behalf of the CAC.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Provide trauma-informed psychotherapy treatment to children and their family members/caregivers. Treatment may be time-limited according to a particular modality or open-ended according to patient need and clinical assessment.
- Prepare treatment plans based on psychosocial assessments using clinical interviews and brief standardized measures.
- Maintain accurate and current case records.
- Facilitate supportive and educational groups for victims' families and the community.
- Participate in the CAC's multi-disciplinary team through monthly team meetings, case reviews, and care coordination between community service providers, law enforcement, child protective services, and other county agencies.
- Record basic data as required by grants and funders
- Provide clinical and mental health expertise and perspective to agency staff.

Qualifications

- NYS licensure as LCSW, LMHC, LMFT, PhD/PsyD
- Criminal Background check
- Child Abuse Registry check

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Working Environment

Work is performed in an office environment; light physical demands; frequent use of a personal computer; some driving required for training and case-related purposes.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Bi-lingual, Fluent Spanish preferred. Training or certification in a trauma-informed, evidenced-based intervention such as Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI), Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), Alternatives for Families-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AF-CBT), Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), or Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP). Must possess strong clinical judgement.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

- HIPPA Privacy Laws
- Child Development
- Child Abuse, Neglect, Maltreatment

Skills in:

- Exceptional communication skills; including both oral and written.
- Excellent team player: able to build relationships and maintain positive working relationships with a variety of agency stakeholders.
- Ability to engage and build rapport with children and family members.
- Ability to effectively prioritize and organize assignments in a fast-paced work environment.

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