

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Position: Regional Victim Specialist
Reports to: Director of Victim Services

Position Summary: The Regional Victim Specialist is primarily responsible for providing trauma informed crisis and ongoing support and advocacy to survivors of rape, sex abuse and sex trafficking in the medical and judicial systems as well as clients seeking assistance through Project STAR (Sex Trafficking, Advocacy and Recovery). The Regional Victim Specialist provides a broad range of services to empower a survivor including, but not limited to: educating and facilitating the victim's decision making, serving as a liaison between agencies, accompanying/staying with the victim during court appointments and conducting safety planning. The Regional Victim Specialist will also assist with providing training and outreach for law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and other community professionals. This position serves survivors in Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide victim assistance in the medical and judicial systems to survivors and co-survivors in the Eastern region
- Accompany clients to police interviews, grand jury, meetings with prosecutors, and court proceedings
- Provide victim assistance for clients from Eastern region police departments
- Provide follow-up and referral services to clients
- Prepare and file Victims of Crime Compensation applications with clients
- Assist with training hotline and volunteer advocates
- Assist with trainings for police, community members, including roll call, in-service, grand jury, etc.
- Serve as an active member on the Sexual Assault Response Teams in the Eastern region.
- Build relationships with other professionals, including police departments, prosecutor's office, probation/parole, other SART members, etc.
- Provide crisis response to PROJECT STAR (Sex trafficking hotline) clients.
- Provide back-up coverage of PROJECT STAR line as needed.
- Refer and link survivors of sex trafficking to appropriate community agencies such as legal services; long term counseling; for medical, mental, physical, social and educational needs.
- Provide follow-up services to clients and the opportunity to reconnect if they chose to return to "the life"
- Maintain justice system advocacy statistics in Apricot.
- Attend BASICS Academy through the Ohio Attorney General's Office.
- Participate in coalitions directly related to advocacy, survivors and the criminal justice system.
- Attend Professional Development opportunities, as scheduled clinical supervision

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- Submit monthly reports of activities
- Act as a member of the Regional Team, attend Regional Team Meeting and work closely with the Director of Regional Services.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Hours of Work: This is a full-time nonexempt position (40 hours/week). Flexible scheduling required, weekend and evening hours as needed.

Qualifications: BSW, with two years of experience in a related field providing direct services to the community in a human service program is required. MSW preferred. Case management experience is a plus. Must have ability to build relationships, collaborate internally and externally, and communicate effectively with diverse audiences, staff, volunteers and partners both verbally and in writing; able to assess the needs of clients under emotional stress and refer to appropriate resources, handle graphic accounts of crimes, interact effectively with emotionally upset survivors; Maintain confidentiality of information; Must be able to travel in North East Ohio and have valid OH driver's license. Bi-lingual candidates are encouraged to apply.

Salary: Commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits and work environment.

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center is dedicated to building a culturally diverse and pluralistic staff committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. Qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.