



Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center (RICCAC)

Child Therapist

Reports To: Executive Director

Job Status: Non-exempt/salaried

Job Summary

The therapist will provide evidence-based, trauma-focused therapeutic services to children 5-18 years old and their non-offending caregivers. The therapist will work primarily with children and families who have experienced trauma, such as sexual abuse, physical abuse, or witness to a traumatic event. As part of the CAC model, the therapist will be an important part of the team that consists of child protective agencies, law enforcement officials, medical providers, prosecutors, and other professionals.

Essential Duties:

- Conduct intake screenings/assessments and formulate clinical diagnosis to inform treatment plans and monitor progress.
- Provide individual/family therapy sessions in a National Children's Alliance (NCA) approved evidence-based modality.
- Facilitate group sessions for children and/or caregivers who demonstrate Problematic Sexual Behaviors
- Participate in ongoing clinical supervision and/or consultation.
- Maintain weekly client appointments equivalent to 50%-65% of work hours (actual case load will be determined based on the complexity of individual cases)
- Participate, collaborate, or consult in monthly Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) case review meetings.
- Communicate client progress with the MDT after obtaining release of information from client/guardian.
- Enter client documentation consistently in accordance with HIPAA and RICCAC data tracking.
- Follow confidentiality guidelines concerning all children and families.
- Maintain the highest ethical standards as outlined in the therapist's Code of Ethics
- Assist in on-going program planning, development, and evaluation.

General Duties:

- Attend RICCAC staff meetings and assist in general RICCAC planning, fundraisers, and public activities as appropriate.
- Maintain all RICCAC personnel forms (records, mileage, timesheets, reimbursements)
- Ability to work effectively in interdisciplinary teams.
- Mandated reporter for child abuse, neglect and exploitation to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
- Participate in on-going education and skill development.

Qualifications:

- Must have a minimum of a Master's degree in mental health field (required)
- Possess clinical licensed in Illinois (LCPC or LCSW). If provisionally licensed, must be working towards obtaining full licensure under the standards of the appropriate state-licensing committees (required)
- Trained or *willing to be trained* in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), Problematic Sexual Behavior Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (PSB CBT), or Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI) (required)
- Successfully pass the Department of Children and Family Services' Child Abuse Neglect Tracking System (CANTS) screening at hire and every two years after (required)
- Must successfully pass a criminal background screening at hire and every two years after (required)
- Experience working with trauma, child abuse, neglect domestic violence, and substance misuse (preferred)
- Bilingual skills (preferred)

Benefits:

- Employee Health Insurance
- 14 paid holidays, 17 days of vacation, "Birthday" floating holiday
- SIMPLE Employee Pension Plan (SEP) after 1 year
- Paid training and continuing education opportunities
- Paid clinical supervision, if needed