



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF BENTON COUNTY

Job Description

Position Title: Advocate

Reports to: Advocacy Coordinator

Purpose: The advocate strives to reduce systemic trauma to children and their families, and advocate for what is in the best interest of the child. This position can educate, through professional communication and actions, other agencies or institutions towards a better understanding and treatment of trauma, child maltreatment and the impact on the child and family.

Responsibilities (may include, but are not limited to):

- Provide non-offending caregivers with case management and support services
- Maintain consistent contact with families and others involved in treatment, investigation and/or prosecution on the cases assigned to the advocacy provider
- Provide crisis intervention and needs assessment to determine appropriate intervention and/or referral response
- Refer children and families to appropriate resources
- Educate families on mental health impact and treatment options available
- Liaison between the family and any involved agency on the multidisciplinary team (MDT)
- Foster growth in professional development, stay up to date on best practice
- Foster open, positive relationships and network with other agencies and the community
- Attend community meetings and interface with professionals in the field of child abuse and social services as assigned
- Maintain complete client records, data collection and documentation in necessary databases
- Provide services during office hours and on-call in rotation with the advocacy component staff at two locations – Little Flock and Gentry

Qualifications and Skills:

- Minimum of a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited school in field of social work or similar
- 1 year experience working with child abuse victims and their families
- 1 year experience working in a Multidisciplinary team environment related to child abuse
- Excellent organizational, relational and communication skills
- Ability to work with many different professions
- Experience working in crisis-oriented situations
- Must possess understanding of child abuse issues and child development
- Must have a flexible nature
- Bilingual skill in Spanish and English preferred

Salary Range: Commensurate with experience

Exemption Status: Non-exempt