



POSITION: Domestic Violence Advocate
PROGRAMS: Chicago Hearing Society/Domestic Violence

Anixter Center – What We Do- Who We Are

Anixter Center has proudly served hundreds of thousands of people in the Chicago area since 1919. Today, we focus our work on serving people with disabilities, behavioral health needs, and people who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing through a variety of programs. Annually, Anixter services touch more than 7,000 individuals, some on a daily basis and others for more time-limited support. Our emphasis is on providing people the supports they need to allow each person to live as independently as possible, a member of his/her natural community.

We offer a competitive benefit package, including Medical, Dental, Vision, STD, LTD, Life, & 401k

SUMMARY

Provides crisis intervention, problem solving, and short-term counseling to Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing (DDBHH) survivors/victims of domestic violence. Most meetings with clients take place in the CHS office. However, usually due to clients' transportation limitations, some meetings may occur at agreed-upon locations in the community.

DUTIES

- Refers and case manages survivors/victims to appropriate community resources for services such as emergency shelter, long-term counseling, and housing assistance.
- Ensures communication access to all related services including medical services and to police and court proceedings, usually using sign language interpreters.
- Advocates on behalf of survivor/victim to ensure his/her rights and interests are protected within the Illinois Domestic Violence Act and in interaction with other service providers.
- Educates survivors/victims about their rights and responsibilities in order to encourage self-advocacy. When necessary, accompanies survivors/victims to court, meetings with police, lawyers, and other service providers.
- Implements data collection procedures to document service delivery and demographic information about survivors/victims of domestic violence.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

- Fluency in American Sign Language, knowledge of Deaf culture required.
- Bachelor's degree in social work or related field required.
- Must take 40-hour Domestic Violence training.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and have access to an operational vehicle to transport self to various locations throughout the metro Chicago area and collar counties.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- High performance teams and a strong team player
- Computer proficient

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum of Bachelor Degree in social work, psychology, criminal justice, counseling or a related field.
- 1 year of direct service work experience in the Deaf community with a strong knowledge of community resources.
- Fluency in American Sign Language, prefer ASL as a first language, and knowledge of Deaf culture.
- Must own an operating vehicle, have a valid driver's license and be eligible to be an agency-approved driver.

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