

## Stress & Trauma Treatment Center, Inc.



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Position Title: Youth Advocate - Southern Illinois Resiliency Project

Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree, Certified Family Partnership Professional, or significant lived experience as a victim of interpersonal adversity or family member of a victim of interpersonal adversity with significant experience interacting with or within the justice system, child welfare system, or other sector of the system of care for victims of adversity or victimization.

Characteristics of a Good Candidate: Good interpersonal skills, relationship building and maintenance skills, de-escalation skills or ability, flexible thinker, case management skills as supports to families, community outreach abilities, and progress note documentation. Youth Advocate must have significant community relationships, good relationships with law enforcement, and have the ability to work independently within a police department.

Location: To be determined - one in each county of Saline, Jackson, and Franklin counties. Youth Advocate will be co-located within a police department that elects to collaborate on this project serving that specific jurisdiction and others throughout the county.

Job Description:

Provide on-scene de-escalation and supports for youth (0-18) that are directly or indirectly involved in victimization including abuse or neglect, witnessing domestic violence, witnessing assault, witnessing illegal activities, witnessing illegal drug abuse or overdose, or other victimization.

Conduct formal or informal screening or identification for appropriate inclusion in the project as a youth (0-18) that have experienced multiple types of victimization (or interpersonal adversities) as defined by the Victim of Crime Act.

Provide follow up case management which may include phone calls, follow up home visits, and linkage and referral to long-term supports if needed.

Provide reflective listening and utilization of the ALGEE from Youth Mental Health First Aid or other support protocols to youth and family members during and following the victimization or re-victimization.

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Recruit, train, and coordinate volunteers within the assigned county to support children, families, and the system of care including mentors and community advocates.

Provide awareness and consultation for understanding what has happened to a child and family and how to support youth with multiple victimization and their families. Specific targets are law enforcement partners, volunteers, and community partners including those in multiple sectors.

Specifically target the community and system of care to be more trauma informed, sensitive and responsive to the target population and especially marginalized populations including cultural, racial, and ethnic minority groups.

Provide direct case management to youth and their families as well as consultation to others involved in the life of 0-18 year old children that have experienced multiple types of victimization and their families.

Coordinate and convene a stakeholder group for collaboration and leveraging for specific community change.

Document and submit timely reporting of progress monitoring and outcome management for the project including time tracking for self and volunteers, process objectives of activities of the project, and outcome objectives.

Actively work toward self-sustainability of the role within the three year project term.

Conduct other duties as assigned related to the advancement of the Stress & Trauma Treatment Center's mission.

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