

**\CHILD ABUSE COUNCIL OF MUSKEGON COUNTY
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
THERAPIST**

JOB DESCRIPTION

Summary

The Therapist position is a full-time position working a total of 40 hours per week. This is an exempt employee of the Child Abuse Council. The Therapist reports directly to the Program Director working cooperatively with the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee and multidisciplinary team. The Therapist is not responsible for supervising other members of the team. The Therapist provides therapy for children who have been sexually abused and non-offending care-givers.

Core Skills and Knowledge Required:

- Demonstrates prior experience in pediatric, cognitive behavioral therapy
- Knowledge and/or formal training in the trauma-informed care model
- Ability to write comprehensive reports and progress notes
- Demonstrates comprehensive knowledge on the child welfare system and court process
- Maintain continuing education to keep current on licensing
- Knowledge, skills and ability to advocate for crime victims

Related Personal Qualities:

- Ability to remain objective
- Demonstrates excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Flexibility to travel for conferences, meetings
- Ability to speak to groups to build awareness of the program

The Therapist will:

1. Complete a social history of the child/family according to prescribed format.
2. Facilitate clinical interviews with children in a developmentally appropriate manner.
3. Complete treatment plans, progress notes, and all other documentation in the manner prescribed by the agency.
4. Provide appropriate mental health treatment for child victims of sexual abuse; and non-offending care givers.
5. Receive training and remain current on treatment methods and approaches for sexually abused children and their families.
6. Make referrals to available community resources when appropriate.
7. Coordinate and/or provide court preparation and court support for clients and their families.
8. Meet with Program Director and/or other therapists to review cases.
9. Engage in peer supervision to discuss treatment issues.
10. Serve as a member of the Children's Advocacy Center multidisciplinary team.
11. Maintain client confidentiality as prescribed by Federal and State law and professional ethics and standards.
12. Maintain necessary State of Michigan licensing or registration requirements.
13. Have knowledge of the Michigan child protection law including the child abuse reporting procedures.
16. Other activities such as:
 - a. Provide office coverage as needed.
 - b. Complete monthly time sheets.
 - c. Attend conferences, seminars and/or meetings pertinent to the forensic interviewing or the Advocacy Center process or individual professional development.

Qualifications

Master's degree in social work, psychology, or counseling is required. Candidates will have the ability to communicate with children as well as with their families. Candidates must be willing to make a commitment to the Child Abuse Council and its goals and mission.