

<b>Job Opening</b>	Full-Time: Bilingual Clinical Family Advocate
<b>Employer/ Agency</b>	<p>Child Advocates of Fort Bend Inc. -Non-profit   <a href="http://www.cafb.org">www.cafb.org</a></p> <p>Child Advocates of Fort Bend is an umbrella nonprofit agency that operates a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), Court Appointed Advocates Program (CASA) and Community Engagement (CE). Started in 1991, we are 32 years old and a very stable and growing agency serving children and families in Fort Bend County with limited services to Austin and Waller Counties. Situated in the heart of Fort Bend County on 3 acres, our Davis George Campus is a beautiful, welcoming haven for children and a great work environment for staff. Our CAC services opened in 1996 and as part of our expansion, we built an entirely new 10,000+ square foot CAC which serves 3600 children and families annually (2200 children) and has experienced a 300% growth over the past decade. The CAC operates with 26 staff members (18 in the "CAC Services" and 8 in "Therapy and Mental Health").</p>
<b>Job Description</b>	<p>The Bilingual Clinical Family Advocate is responsible for providing case management and short-term clinical counseling to English and Spanish speaking children and non-offending caregivers who have been impacted by allegations of sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or have witnessed a violent crime. Case management and clinical counseling include, but are not limited to, ongoing case coordination, mental health crisis management, and brief-targeted evidence-based interventions. The Bilingual Clinical Family Advocate must have the ability to engage with children and families of all ages, ethnicities, genders, and socioeconomic backgrounds to help restore and enhance psychosocial functioning of individuals and families adversely affected by child abuse and trauma. The Bilingual Clinical Family Advocate must have knowledge of, and the ability to apply, social work theory, methods, and techniques as well as have a knowledge of post-traumatic stress symptoms, stages of development, and required crisis intervention techniques. The Bilingual Clinical Family Advocate is not only responsible for providing supportive counseling but must also be able to work professionally and collaboratively in a multidisciplinary team setting and possess strong oral and written communication skills in English and Spanish.</p> <p><b><u>PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES</u></b></p> <p><b>Client Sessions for Forensic Interview Clients</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact caregivers prior to appointments to answer questions and process concerns.</li> <li>• Implement early interventions and the psychosocial support model to address the needs of victims of child sexual abuse and their non-offending caregivers.</li> </ul>

- Provide crisis intervention to children interviewed at the Children's Advocacy Center as needed.
- Provide crisis intervention to caregivers at the point of the forensic interview.
- Conduct trauma screenings with child victims and children in crisis following the forensic interview to implement necessary therapeutic interventions.
- Provide emergency screens to further assess the mental status of clients who are in emotional distress and are expressing thoughts of self-harm, suicidal and/or homicidal ideations, or are currently experiencing psychotic symptoms.
- Conduct trauma screenings with caregivers and utilize clinical judgment to make appropriate psychotherapy and diagnostic referrals.
- Conduct biopsychosocial assessments of clients to identify the needs and ensure that children and families have appropriate resources to heal from their abuse experience.
- Refer and connect Spanish speaking clients to community providers who are equipped to engage, support, and meet the needs of Spanish speaking clients.
- Assess and provide treatment through motivational interviewing, single session therapy, brief targeted interventions, solution focused therapy, crisis intervention, psychoeducation, and resource coordination to appropriately address post-traumatic symptoms.
- Work collaboratively with caregivers and their social systems to process the development of the case.
- Ensure understanding of investigative process and the dynamics of sexual abuse through psychoeducation.

#### **Ongoing Client Support**

- Provides ongoing emotional support to restore and enhance psychosocial functioning by conducting follow up phone calls with caregivers and scheduling additional client sessions as needed.
- Participate in multi-disciplinary team review meetings and consultations with partner agencies concerning Children Advocacy Center clients to ensure client's needs are being addressed.
- Work collaboratively and effectively with Law Enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, Child Protective Services, and Forensic Interviewers in investigations of child abuse and/or investigations involving children who have been exposed to violent crimes.
- Note all case activity and maintain case tracking documentation.

#### **Outreach**

- Participate in community outreach activities such as speaking engagements and fundraising events.
- Assist in the development and facilitation of psychoeducation programs for the Spanish speaking population.

#### **Professional Development**

- Participate in training to enhance professional skills and development and maintain licensure.

<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of Social Work or related field</li> <li>• Minimum one-year direct experience working with sexually and physically abused children</li> <li>• LCSW, LMSW, LPC, LPC-A</li> <li>• <b>Bilingual required</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Other Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit to a child abuse and criminal background check</li> <li>• Complete 30+ hour pre-service training</li> <li>• Bending, stooping, reaching and other movement required</li> <li>• Ability to lift 20 pounds</li> <li>• Valid driver's license</li> <li>• Must comply with all city, state, and federal laws</li> <li>• Willingness to work in a smoke and drug free environment</li> <li>• Willingness to work some evening and weekend hours</li> <li>• Participate in the Children's Advocacy Center's Late Night and On Call programs</li> <li>• Perform other duties as assigned</li> </ul>
<b>Address</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5403 Avenue N</li> <li>• Rosenberg, TX 77471</li> </ul> <p><i>[ 15 mins from Sugarland Town Square- 26 mins from LaCenterra ]</i></p>
<b>Benefits:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Insurance</li> <li>• Professional Development Training/Certification Reimbursement</li> <li>• ½ Day every Friday</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Luisa Bowers
<b>Application Method</b>	Send cover letter and resume to Luisa Bowers at <a href="mailto:HRRM@cafb.org">HRRM@cafb.org</a>
<b>Closing Date</b>	Immediately

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