

Job Title	Bilingual Clinical Family Advocate
Employer/ Agency	Child Advocate of Fort Bend
Job Description	<p>Definition: Position is in a Children’s Advocacy Center providing therapeutic services and interventions to children alleged to have been sexually abused, seriously physically abused, or who have witnessed a violent crime. Provides single session therapy and crisis therapy to non-offending caregivers. Provides crisis therapy to children interviewed at the Center as needed. Conducts trauma screenings with child victims and children in crisis to implement necessary therapeutic interventions. Conducts trauma screenings with caregivers and child victims to make appropriate therapy and counseling referrals. Assesses the needs of children and families to ensure they have appropriate resources to heal from their abuse experience. Works collaboratively with caregivers and their social systems to process the development of a case. Provides ongoing emotional support to restore and enhance psychosocial functioning. Ensures understanding of investigative process and the dynamics of sexual abuse through psychoeducation. Maintains case tracking documentation. May also provide ongoing/long term therapy to child victims and their families.</p> <p>Duties: Contact families prior to appointments to answer questions and process concerns. Implement early intervention and psychosocial support model to address the needs of victims of child sexual abuse and their non-offending caregivers. Conduct biopsychosocial assessments of clients. Assesses therapeutic needs of all affected family members by conducting trauma screens. Assesses and provides treatment through supportive counseling, crisis intervention, psychoeducation, and resource coordination to appropriately address post-traumatic symptoms. Assess children’s developmental level to include verbal ability, cognitive and emotional functioning. Provide short- and long-term counseling support services for children and adults. Provide crisis intervention services for children and adults at the point of the forensic interview. Provide emergency clinical assessments to assess mental status of children and families who are in emotional distress and expressing thoughts of self-harm or expressing suicidal and/or homicidal ideation or currently experiencing psychotic symptoms. Develop and carry out individualized treatment plans for therapy clients Maintain a client log and progress notes for therapy clients. Participate in multi-disciplinary team review meetings and consultations with partner agencies concerning CAC 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 the investigation of child abuse and/or children who have been exposed to violent crimes. Documentation of all case activities. Participate in community outreach activities such as speaking engagements and fundraising events. Participate in training to enhance professional skills and development. Perform other tasks requested by supervisors.</p>

Qualifications	<p>Masters of Social Work or related field and with a minimum of one year direct experience working with sexually and physically abused children. LMSW, LPC-A or LMFTA. Bilingual required. Willingness to submit to a child abuse background check (civil and criminal). Valid Texas Driver's License. Willingness to work in a smoke and drug free environment. Willingness to work some evening and weekend hours. Bending, stooping, reaching and other movement required in dealing with children. Lifting of office materials (up to 20 lbs). Able to engage children and families of all ages, ethnicities, genders, and socioeconomic backgrounds to restore and enhance psychosocial functioning of individuals and families adversely affected by child abuse/trauma. Knowledge of and ability to apply social work theory, methods and techniques; knowledge of post-traumatic symptoms, stages of child development, and crisis intervention techniques required. Ability to provide supportive counseling. Must be able to work professionally and collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary setting. Strong oral and written communication skills essential</p>
Salary/Hours	Full Time, 40 hours/week. Salary negotiable.
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Opening Date	Immediately

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