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Job Title Survivor Advocate **Employer/Agency** Unbound Houston **Job Description** Unbound Houston's advocates provide crisis response, emotional support, and comprehensive case management services for minors, transitional youth and adults leaving the life of sex trafficking in Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties. Advocates will collaborate with other agencies and officials to ensure a childcentered, trauma-informed continuum of care. This type of multi-disciplinary team (MDT) continuum of care is becoming known as best practice in the field of child sex trafficking and provides the strongest chance for complete and lasting restoration for victims. Advocates are an essential part of the continuum of care, from immediate intervention to long-term restoration. Unbound Houston will recruit, screen, train, engage, and supervise advocates. Responsibilities include: Being on call 2-3 days per week for the 24/7 crisis response line Respond to crisis calls for emotional support or in-person response Provide intensive support with a survivor during the first 72 hours of recovery Independently coordinate referrals, service planning, and documentation of services for assigned caseload Conduct comprehensive assessments, develop service plans, and make independent decisions in the field regarding the safety and well-being of assigned youth Provide transportation with parent or guardian permission to appointments and services as needed and as feasible Meet with each assigned survivor based on the minimum contact requirements In coordination with the MDT, help create and update safety plans for survivors Attend CPS case staffings and MDT emergency response meetings and scheduled staffings Document all interactions with survivors, their families, and partner agencies within 72 hours Build and maintain good relationships with organizations that provide services relevant to trafficking victims Accompany survivors to important meetings (i.e. medical, legal, or court interviews) Participate in all required trainings, staff meetings, and supervisions Follow mandated abuse/incident reporting Abide by Unbound Houston policies at all times **Qualifications** Social Work, Psychology, Criminal Justice, or related field English speaker with proficiency in Spanish (preferred but not required) Excellent organizational, administrative, and time management abilities Ability to have a flexible schedule, with potential to work on nights/weekends, and rotating the 24/7 hotline response Excellent communication, interpersonal, and management skills Ability to maintain a caseload of 10-15, while meeting appropriate deadlines

	 Culturally competent, working with diverse populations Ability and willingness to maintain confidentiality of sensitive information Valid driver's license, reliable transportation
Salary/Hours	Salary is dependent on years of experience and qualifications, comes with full benefit package including life and health insurance, as well as retirement contribution. Mileage reimbursement for travel
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Application Method	Request an application: https://www.unboundhouston.org/advocate
Opening Date	Immediately

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