



**Post Date: December 8, 2017**

**Position: Art Therapist II**

**Scope:** Provide art/play therapy for children and adults referred by Transitions Family Violence Services staff and allied professionals. To make assessments, provide individual, group and family art/play therapy, offer short-term crisis intervention services, provide referrals and case management services to children and adults who have witnessed or experienced family violence.

**Essential functions:** *(Essential functions may include but are not limited to the functions listed below.)*

- Assess and evaluate the developmental and emotional status of every child/adult to determine individualized goals, referrals for psychiatric services, and/or participation in specific groups, as appropriate.
- Assess and evaluate each child for child abuse and neglect, making referrals as warranted.
- Provide clinical and evidence-based art/play interventions to accomplish individualized goals to heal from trauma, strengthen coping skills and provide ongoing progress.
- Stabilize children/adults after crisis, allowing expression of feelings, strengthening coping skills, and providing ongoing evaluation of the clients' status.
- Consult with the parent about the child's coping strategies, how to support him/her in the healing process and to provide evaluation of, and support for, parent's parenting skills.
- Enhance communication, cooperation and negotiation skills, lessen isolation, and encourage expression of feelings associated with abuse issues implementing individual and group art therapy at shelters and in the community.
- Provide assessments and treatment (individual/groups) for Adults Molested As Children (AMAC).
- Serve as treatment consultant and provider for the Children's Program (formally known as Protect Our Kids).
- Document and maintain accurate statistics & demographics information to include VAdata client information and services; assist with compilation of data for agency and program reports.
- Attend agency and community stakeholder meetings.
- Perform other duties, as assigned by the Program Director.

**Other Functions:**

- Other duties as assigned.
- Participate in ongoing professional development and training
- This position may be required to supervise interns/volunteers a year, depending on availability.

**Educational Requirements:**

- Master's Degree in Art Therapy and a Registered Professional Art Therapist or seeking registration from the American Art Therapy Association.

**Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Knowledge and experience working with clients/families in crisis.
- Ability to maintain personal and professional boundaries, ensuring that job performance and attitude reflects the philosophy and vision of Transitions.
- Ability to work with residents from different backgrounds and cultures.
- Ability to use sound judgment and discretion in working with clients.
- Ability to follow established procedures to maintain client confidentiality for all work conducted on behalf of Transitions.
- Ability to work with colleagues/agency volunteers/interns as a team member.
- Ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with professionals from diverse backgrounds and ability to develop community contacts for resources.
- Detail oriented & strong organizational skills, with the capacity to develop and ensure accurate and timely follow-up as well as documentation.
- Ability to express yourself orally and in writing in a positive manner that well represents Transitions Family Violence Services.
- Ability to produce forms, letters and presentations using computer software to include Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Ability to operate standard office equipment including desktop personal computer, telephone and fax machine.
- Good driving record, valid driver's license
- Criminal records and CPS check required

**Terms:** This position is a 20 hour a week, exempt position, hours may include some evening work. This position is grant funded and may be subject to change.

**Supervision:** This position reports to, and receives clinical and operational supervision from the agency Program Director.

**Evaluation:** Evaluations will occur on a regular basis. Employees will be evaluated on a six-month basis (informal) and annual (formal) basis. The annual written evaluation will be completed by the Immediate Supervisor and the Program Director. Continued employment is subject to employee receiving satisfactory evaluations.

**Application Process:** Submit a cover letter, resume and cover letter to [gharvell@transitionsfvs.org](mailto:gharvell@transitionsfvs.org) . Please, no phone calls or faxes. Successful applicants will be required to submit to background check and DMV report. EEO/Drug Free Workplace and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any kind.