



Jackson County Sheriff's Office Bilingual Victim Advocate

The following statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of employees so classified.

POSITION SUMMARY: Provide support and advocacy to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) and Ashland Police Department (APD). Advocate will work directly with the Program Director of "You Have Options" (YHOP) at JCSO.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Women's Studies or related field preferred.
- Minimum one year working with people in crisis.
- Bilingual, Spanish-English required, bicultural strongly preferred.
- Understanding of domestic violence, sexual assault, oppression and related issues.
- Driving is a requirement for this position.
- If you are required to drive a Community Works vehicle for your position: you must have a good driving record and a valid driver's license.
- If you are required to drive your personal vehicle for agency business more than 3 times an average month for your position: you must have a good driving record, a valid driver's license, and personal auto insurance with required personal liability minimum as mandated by Community Works insurance carrier. (Current personal liability amounts for Bodily Injury are \$100,000 each person, \$300,000 each occurrence).
- Must successfully pass a Background and Abuse Check.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Ability to handle confidential information concerning the Agency, clients, and program organizational plans, policies, and strategies with an understanding that such information will not be disclosed within the Agency, or outside of the Agency.
- Must be culturally competent and sensitive.
- Understanding of sexual assault, domestic violence, oppression and related issues.
- Able to work in a high stress environment with adults and children of diverse populations.
- Able to deal effectively with crisis situations.
- Ability to recognize and value differences related to culture, age and personal experience with team members and clients.
- Ability to establish and maintain frequent positive communication with team members, share information willingly, accept and provide feedback in a supportive, non-judgmental manner.
- Ability to respect and value work styles that differ from our own.
- Value a nurturing environment as the ideal.
- Conviction about the capacity for people to change and grow.
- Exercise patience, understanding and compassion in dealing with clients, co-workers, representatives from other agencies and community members.
- Knowledgeable about the legal and civil rights relevant to serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.
- Knowledgeable about the social and cultural characteristics of the service population.
- Minimize interference of personal and work-related problems.
- Able to handle confidential information with integrity.
- Ability to work collaboratively with other personnel or professionals.
- Ability to set and maintain limits.
- Good organizational and time management skills.
- Good interpersonal skills and conflict resolution skills.

- Ability to function with minimal supervision, take initiative and act creatively.
- Strong public speaking skills helpful.
- Ability to collaborate with law enforcement, Oregon Department of Human Services and other community agencies, as well as communities at large.
- Ability to work amicably with diverse agencies.
- Ability to establish and maintain open communication and positive working relationships with staff of programs and agencies that have missions which differ from our own.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: (The essential functions below include tasks that are integral to job performance and fundamental to accomplishing the job).

- Position is 1.0 FTE and will require some overtime.
- Promote the agency in a positive manner to fellow employees, volunteers, and community.
- Encourage teamwork through modeling and cooperative interaction with colleagues, volunteers, community partners, and community members.
- Maintain a positive, professional demeanor.
- Maintain confidential information concerning the agency, clients, and program organizational plans, policies and strategies.
- Serve as a liaison between the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and Ashland Police Department personnel and Victim Services staff, and be available to each for on-going training and consultation.
- Provide peer support, information, referral, advocacy and crisis intervention counseling by phone and in person to victims.
- Provide follow-up services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Accompany law enforcement officers or deputies to visit victims.
- Review police reports and contact the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.
- Complete Community Works Victim Services training and participate in any relevant Jackson County Sheriff's Office procedures or protocol trainings.
- Understand and communicate protective order processes.
- Go on ride-along with law enforcement officers or deputies as needed or appropriate.
- Submit accurate and completed forms that are required by Community Works Victims Services.
- Position may require transportation of clients.
- Attend monthly Victim Services training's at in-service for staff.
- Attend Outreach and Sexual Assault Victim Services staffing meetings on an as needed basis.
- Other duties as assigned.

Position Name: Jackson County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate

Department: Outreach, Victim Services

Supervisor: Program Manager

Revision Date: 5-18-15

FTE: 1.0 Exempt Non-Exempt

Position #: 1506-541GS

Position Open: Until Filled

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