



## **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT CPS VICTIM ADVOCATE**

Vera House, Inc. is a human service agency providing comprehensive domestic and sexual violence prevention and intervention services.

**The CPS Victim Advocate will provide crisis intervention, systems advocacy, and short-term counseling and support to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crime trauma, specifically partnering with CPS. This position requires the advocate to be out-stationed at the Onondaga County Department of Children and Family Services.**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Partner with and consult with CPS caseworkers with regards to child abuse cases alleging domestic violence
- Providing telephone crisis intervention to crime victims who call requesting assistance from the Vera House crisis and support line
- Providing face-to-face crisis intervention at the request of victims and/or referral sources
- Providing systems advocacy to victims involved in seeking help from intervention systems including, but not limited to, criminal justice, legal, medical, counseling, and income programs
- Providing short-term individual and/or group support to victims as they resolve their crises and work toward long-term stability
- Assisting victims in identifying, understanding, and prioritizing problems and needs and in obtaining information on available resources
- Assisting victims in learning about and understanding the dynamics and impact of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crime trauma
- Maintain all necessary client records.
- Respond to 24 hour crisis line and on-call shifts after business hours

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bachelors' degree in human services or related field preferred

- Familiarity with local service delivery systems, in particular thorough knowledge of the criminal and civil justice systems, is also preferred
- Understands and values racial equity as an organizational operating principle and is committed to continued learning on issues related to race, equity, diversity and inclusion.

**Salary Range \$32,000 to \$35,000. Competitive salary and fringe benefits.**

Bilingual/bicultural candidates are encouraged to apply. Vera House is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Positions will be open until filled.

**Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to:**

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