

# **Employment Opportunity**

**Position:** Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Counselor

FLSA Classification: Non-exempt / Full-Time

Location: Aurora, IL

**Application Deadline**: Continuous until position is filled

**Program Description:** Mutual Ground, Inc. (MGI) is one of the largest and oldest domestic and

sexual violence agencies in Illinois. MGI provides trauma-informed, victim-centered services that focus on safety, healing and hope.

#### **Job Summary**

Provide individual and group counseling to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Passion for and experience with trauma issues and treatment required. 60-hour Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Certification preferred but may be acquired upon hire. This position will be co-located at Mutual Ground offices in Aurora and Batavia.

## Qualifications

- Master's degree in social work, counseling or other behavioral health field; LPC, LSW, LCPC, LCSW preferred
- Bilingual Spanish-speaking preferred
- 60-Hour Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training (may be obtained upon hire
- Experience with trauma issues and treatment
- Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills
- Effective verbal and written communication skills
- Dedication to helping victims heal from the effects of trauma
- Computer proficiency
- Acceptance and respect for diversity of culture, sexual orientation, ability, and religious belief

### **Examples of Duties**

- Assess social/emotional needs of victims of domestic and sexual violence, identify strengths and develop treatment plans
- Conduct individual and group counseling
- Provide crisis intervention and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence, in person and on the 24-hour hotline
- Provide advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault at local emergency rooms
- Promote Mutual Ground's services and build relationships with local community agencies serving survivors
- Provide outreach and education regarding domestic and sexual violence to volunteers and new hires and the larger community, as needed
- Provide case management services, including community resource referral and advocacy, as needed
- Input accurate and complete client data into agency database; maintain accurate case notes and files
- Work collaboratively with program staff to best meet the needs of clients
- Provide institutional advocacy to ensure sensitive, responsible treatment of sexual assault victims

## How to Apply

Submit cover letter and resume to Stephanie Bossarte, Counseling and Sexual Assault Services Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:sbossarte@mutualground.org">sbossarte@mutualground.org</a>.

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