



Community Advocate

REST JOB DESCRIPTION

ROLE SUMMARY: Real Escape from the Sex Trade (REST) exists to provide pathways to freedom, safety, and hope for sexually exploited individuals. The REST Community Advocate is responsible for building trusting relationships with individuals who are involved in or exiting the sex trade and assisting them in prioritizing self-identified goals, developing a plan to reach those goals, and making referrals for services to accommodate their goal plan. REST seeks to provide trauma-informed, strengths-based services that empower individuals to take the steps they want toward self-sufficiency. This role is specifically focused toward serving victims and survivors of sexual exploitation in the South King County area.

ROLES

- Become familiar with resources and community services that meet the needs of sexually exploited individuals
- Cooperate with other agencies in the social service system to provide good networking of client services
- Specialize in services located in South King County

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Implement trauma-informed, strengths-based, and person-centered case management for REST clients
- Provide crisis intervention and stabilization support for clients in emotional distress
- Manage intake, create individualized goal plans, and maintain progress notes for each client
- Maintain case notes and files in an orderly, up-to-date manner, and assist in improving efficiency of reporting
- Assist clients in accessing resources to help meet their individualized goals
- Advocate on behalf of clients within govt. organizations and community services to increase opportunity for success
- Assist in supporting and/or facilitating daytime/evening programming for survivors
- Coordinate with Mental Health service providers for particular needs of clients receiving MH and counseling services
- Utilize prevention and de-escalation tactics to maintain safety, follow escalation protocol in the event of unsafe behaviors.
- Provide case management services for individuals referred through the hotline, other service providers, law enforcement, or direct outreach
- Participate in weekly advocate meetings, quarterly REST meetings, and REST onboarding trainings
- Manage an active case load of 15-25 individuals located in South King County

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelors degree in social services, 2+ years working with vulnerable populations
- Knowledgeable in topics including sex trafficking, the sex trade and complex trauma
- Experience implementing trauma-informed care
- Ability to respond to crisis and/or escalated behavior with calm and confidence
- Detail oriented, able to build processes and systems
- Ability to organize, discern, and problem-solve creatively and under pressure
- Demonstrates initiative with researching and accessing relevant resources in the community
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- Excellent interpersonal and professional skills
- Flexible - able to respond to leadership directives in a timely manner
- Must have reliable transportation, current auto insurance, and clean driving record
- All employees of REST must agree with the statement of faith, provided in employee application

Schedule: Varies, dependent on client needs, some evenings and weekends are expected

Location: Regular meetings will take place at the REST office, but many clients will be met in the community at various locations throughout Central and South King County, and sometimes beyond.

Hours: 40 per week

Salary: \$18.00 to \$20.00 per hour DOE, 15 days of vacation per year; 8 paid holidays, \$4,550 health care package, 403(b) retirement saving option.

