



## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Elder Abuse Advocate**

Family Service of the Piedmont is a not for profit agency whose mission is to promote healthy lives and relationships for children, families and individuals, through early intervention, treatment and support in times of crisis or transition.

The agency is seeking an Elder Abuse Advocate to provide comprehensive services to victims of abuse in later life and their families by providing crisis intervention services and advocacy.

#### **Responsibilities:**

1. Reduces stress and trauma for victims of abuse in later life by providing crisis intervention and advocacy services, coordinating cases with law enforcement and the court system, referring clients to community resources, providing crisis line services, facilitating group services and accompanying clients to medical, legal or judicial procedures.
2. Provide outreach to victims of abuse in later life as applicable; Services will be provided in the client's home or other community environment convenient to the client.
3. Document services by writing progress reports and completing other documentation as required by agency, accreditation and ethical standards.
4. Educate the community and partner agencies about abuse in later life by training and providing community education programs as needed.
5. Collaborate with, and build and maintain positive working relationships with community members and partnering agencies.
6. Represent the agency on elder advocacy community boards and committees as required.
7. Assist victims/clients in identifying, understanding and prioritizing problems and in obtaining information on available resources as well as assist in seeking help from intervention systems, including criminal justice, legal, medical counseling and income programs at various community partner locations.
8. Maintains harmonious working environment by participation in team and staff meetings, consulting with staff regarding topic areas, respecting cultural and lifestyle differences and by providing support and encouragement to other staff members.
9. Assists agency in overall service delivery by performing other administrative duties as delegated or required.

#### **Qualifications:**

1. The ability to respond appropriately to the cultural differences present among the organization's service population and staff is required.
2. Ability to work in partnership with other team members.
3. Ability to forge a mutually respectful partnership with persons served and their families in which they are helped to gain the skills and confidence to address any issues and problems they face.
4. Conviction about the capacity of people to grow and change.

5. Ability to set limits and maintain the helping role of the practitioner and to intervene appropriately to meet the needs of the persons served or other family members.
6. Ability to sit, stand, walk, lift light objects as needed, move about the office or otherwise perform the physical tasks required to perform the duties listed above.
7. Valid driver's license, dependable transportation, clean driving record and the ability to operate a motor vehicle.
8. Minimum of Bachelors in human services or related field required. Experience or education specific to gerontology strongly preferred.

Send resume and letter to:

Human Resources  
Family Service of the Piedmont  
902 Bonner Drive  
Jamestown, NC 27282

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