

POSITION: CRISIS COUNSELOR II

Reports To: Lifeline Division Coordinator
Program: Behavioral Health/Crisis Services/Lifeline Division
Position Type: Full Time/Non Exempt
Date: October 2019

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General Function:

- Primary responsibility is to answer Lifeline chats and phone calls that originate from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- Provide non-judgmental, empathic, emotional crisis support by utilizing a crisis intervention model as well as suicide intervention techniques as appropriate during a client contact with individuals in a self-defined crisis
- Actively participate in volunteer training and coaching as assigned by the Lifeline Division Coordinator
- Implement active rescue procedures and make mandatory reports as needed

Qualifications:

- AA degree in Human Services or a related field and/or equivalent experience. Bachelor's degree preferred
- One (1) year experience in a mental health or related position
- Crisis intervention experience strongly preferred
- Washington state credentialing required upon hire
- Training in suicide prevention and intervention strongly preferred
- Excellent computer skills including the ability to type quickly with few errors and be comfortable utilizing technology to support clients including the use of instant messaging
- Strong communications skills – both written and verbal
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Ability to work cooperatively with members of the general community and as a clinical team member
- Ability to take ownership of decisions and clinical feedback from direct supervisor
- Flexibility and ability to adapt to changes in the work environment and job duties
- Ability to take the initiative and seek information from available resources
- Demonstrated respect for diversity

Principal Activities:

- Answer incoming chats and calls and engage the client in emotional support, utilizing suicide intervention techniques as needed
- Initiate active rescue procedures if it is determined that a client is at immediate risk of harm to self or others

Crisis Counselor

- Operate within legal requirements of applicable state and federal laws including HIPAA confidentiality requirements and mandated reporting (i.e. CPS, APS referrals, Tarasoff Duty to Warn)
- Train and coach volunteers as assigned by the Lifeline Division Coordinator
- Provide collaborative support and assistance to the volunteers as appropriate

If you wish to apply for this position, please email your cover letter and resume to: recruiter@voaww.org

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