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## Domestic Violence Program Shelter Specialist Job Description

#### **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

This Shelter Specialist is responsible for provision of services to victims of domestic violence and their children that receive services through Dove's Domestic Violence Program. This position is supervised by the Domestic Violence Advocate Supervisor.

#### **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Provides direct services to clients (completes intakes on non-residential/residential clients; answers hotline as needed; provides counseling, case management, assistance in orders of protection, crisis intervention & referrals to clients).

Documents services provided according to program standards.

Advocates for clients with other service providers as needed.

Provides On-Call services within the rotation of domestic violence staff.

Attends and participates in required Dove and Domestic Violence Program meetings.

Attends/participates in agency and program events.

Performs other duties as required to ensure effective operation of the program.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates should have at least one year of successful experience in human services, either as employment or as a volunteer. An academic degree in a related field will be considered in lieu of experience. The Shelter Specialist should be familiar with the causes and consequences of domestic violence, and should have the ability to deal effectively with crises. S/he should also be reliable, sensitive, and emotionally mature. Applicants must be able to perform the following: Lift and carry 30-50 pounds, sit and/or stand for prolonged periods of time, bend, twist, stoop, or kneel, exhibit manual dexterity, vision correctable to 20/20 or sufficient to complete job responsibilities, including color recognition, hearing correctable in order to complete job responsibilities. A valid driver's license and insurance is required. Prior to employment, all employees are subject to background checks as required by program grants and the Dove, Inc. Personnel Policy. These checks may be updated periodically.

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### **SALARY AND BENEFITS**

The introductory salary is \$32,000 to \$36,000 annually. Raises are provided annually based on merit and availability of funding. Fringe benefits include paid holidays, up to 19 paid leave days per year, health insurance (30 hours per week or more), life insurance & disability insurance (25 hours per week or more), direct deposit, matching retirement fund, and an Employee Assistance Program.

## WORK CONDITIONS AND ENVIRONMENT

This Shelter Specialist works in the domestic violence shelter facility. This position is full-time. Hours may vary and may include weekend, evenings, and holidays. This position is subject to the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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