



Job Title: Sol House Youth Advocate

Position Type: Full-time non-exempt (hourly)

Schedule: Wednesday - Sunday 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.; Saturday – Wednesday 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Salary: \$17.50-18.50 hourly, commensurate with experience

Benefits Package: Medical, dental, vision, life insurance, short-term disability insurance, PTO, holiday pay, 401K

Reports to: Sol House Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: Life House is an innovative nonprofit organization serving at-risk and homeless youth ages 14-24 located in downtown Duluth, MN. Focusing on Positive Youth Development through housing stability, educational support, economic security, improved health, and connection to community. Life House programs assist youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to overcome poverty, trauma, mental illness, low educational achievement and joblessness to transition to independent living.

SUMMARY: Builds therapeutic relationships and provides intensive supervision of youth residing in Life House's Safe Harbor programs, with a primary focus on youth residing in the Sol House housing program, in order to assist them in achieving housing stability and recovery from the harms of commercial sexual exploitation.

Focus area duties and responsibilities –Youth Advocate:

- Provide supervision of program residents on-site at Sol House, at Life House and/or in the community to ensure the safety and well-being of residents.
- Maintain clear communication with Safe Harbor program staff to facilitate consistent, appropriate responses to youth behavior.
- Assist in household disputes and conflict resolution between residents in order to foster a safe, positive living environment.
- Provide crisis intervention as needed; respond to crisis situations following outlined procedures including proper notification, documentation, and programmatic follow up.
- Monitor progress toward established goals and action steps outlined in the Independent Living Plan to assist youth to move toward stabilization, independent living, and self-sufficiency.
- Maintain the daily routine, supervise chores, assist in meal planning and preparation, assist with light cleaning and other household tasks as indicated.
- Ensure compliance with regulations per DHS license, including administration of medications, case note documentation, safety planning, room checks, etc.
- Ensure that Safe Harbor program recordkeeping and reporting systems are accurately maintained; complete progress notes and program-related reporting as required.
- Engage youth in positive peer relations, group building, recreational and leisure time activities and outings; with input from youth, Life House team members, and community partners develop and implement support groups and group activities.
- Utilize personal vehicle, in good working order, to transport clients to appointments as indicated.
- Maintain confidentiality of all client information.

Other duties and responsibilities:

- Provide services applying strengths-based, Positive Youth Development, harm reduction and client-centered approaches to young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Develop healthy and helpful relationships with homeless and street youth while maintaining professional boundaries; demonstrate kindly assertiveness in setting limits with youth.
- Participate in weekly staff meeting to discuss Sol House participants and provide progress updates; attend Life House staff and program meetings, quarterly reviews and other trainings as indicated.

- Provide coverage of Safe Harbor participants while they are in the Youth Center to ensure rules are upheld for the safety and well-being of all clients and staff; assist with other Life House program coverage as necessary.
- Participate Safe Harbor trainings and professional development sufficient for the provision of best practice services for youth who have been sexually exploited.
- Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Sol House Program Manager, Program Directors or Executive Director.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Education: Bachelor's degree in human services related field or equivalent combination of education and experience

Qualifications:

- Experience in working with at-risk youth to reach their goals
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications
- Demonstrated experience in one or more of the following areas: sexual exploitation, mental health, chemical dependency, at-risk youth issues
- Knowledge of and ability to work effectively with youth with a variety of identities, cultures, and backgrounds including ethnic/racial minorities and LGBTQ youth
- Ability to pass a criminal and Department of Human Services background check
- Candidate must be 21 years of age or older

Certificates, Licenses, Registrations:

- Valid Minnesota Driver's License and proof of auto insurance
- Adult CPR & Basic First Aid

Position is full-time non-exempt. **Work schedule requires evening and/or weekends.** Position is grant funded; in addition to other specified conditions of employment, it is understood that no guarantee of continued employment, beyond the availability of current funds, is expressed or implied by Life House.

Life House provides equal employment opportunity to all qualified individuals without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, religious belief, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), parental status, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information (including family medical history), political affiliation, military service, or other non-merit-based factors. Life House encourages individuals with diverse backgrounds and members of the LGBTQ community to apply.

To apply send cover letter and resume to:

Life House
Human Resources: Sol House Youth Advocate
102 West 1st Street
Duluth, MN 55802

Or

Email to: hr@life-house.org
Subject Line: Sol House Youth Advocate