



## **Rural Sexual Assault Victim Advocate**

Are *YOU* ready to make a real difference in our community? The Rural Sexual Assault Victim Advocate will be responsible for the direct crisis intervention and administration of support services to survivors of sexual assault or human trafficking that are located in rural areas, or who have been referred through the criminal justice system, hospital, or shelter system. This role may require some evenings and weekend hours and an on-call rotation.

**A Better Way** provides shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, a Rape Crisis Center, advocacy, individual trauma-informed counseling, support groups, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, a 24-hour crisis line for persons in any crisis, education and referrals, a suicide hotline, teen dating violence and domestic violence prevention programs, and a check-in call service for elderly or disabled homebound persons.

**This position is full-time and is located in Muncie, Indiana.**

**Essential duties and responsibilities include the following. Other duties may be assigned.** *Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform these essential functions.*

- Conduct crisis intervention over the phone and in person with survivors, both residential and non-residential, including intake and mobile advocacy work.
- Assist survivors and secondary survivors through advocacy, casework, emotional support, education, and referrals to appropriate support services.
- Participate in an on-call rotation to provide in-person advocacy and crisis response for survivors of sexual assault during Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) activations. Respond to hospitals, law enforcement agencies, and other community locations as needed to support survivors. The frequency of on-call assignments may fluctuate based on staffing levels and program needs.
- Interface with the criminal justice system by working cooperatively with and providing education to law enforcement, prosecutors, and other criminal justice professionals regarding sexual assault and victim advocacy.
- Transport clients and their children, as necessary, for intakes, crisis intervention, medical appointments, school, work, court proceedings, and other service-related needs.
- Collect, maintain, and compile client and program information for required statistical reports and grant reporting.
- Represent A Better Way Services, Inc. at community presentations, outreach events, and public speaking engagements as requested.

- Facilitate support groups for survivors of sexual assault by creating a safe, supportive, and non-judgmental environment that encourages healing and open discussion.
- Attend and actively participate in local Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) meetings and other multidisciplinary meetings as assigned.
- Educate survivors about the criminal justice process, victims' rights, available legal options, and assist with referrals to the Indiana Victim Compensation Fund and other community resources.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

### **Supervisory responsibilities** No

**Work environment** Able to stand and/or walk up to 25% of time. Able to sit up to 75% of the time. Able to view a computer monitor for 6-8 hours per day. Must be able to lift up to 15 pounds at times.

### **Education and/or Experience**

- High school diploma or equivalent is required.
- Three to five years of relevant experience in human services, sexual assault, human trafficking, domestic violence, and supportive services or a Bachelor's Degree in a related field is required.
- Valid Driver's license with good driving record and proof of insurance are required

### **Skills and Competencies**

- Demonstrated skills in crisis intervention techniques, casework, supportive counseling, and networking with social service agencies are required.
- Knowledge of sexual assault and human trafficking, and the complexity of problems surrounding the issues is a must.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and collaboratively as a valued member of a team of professionals.
- Attention to detail and organization skills are necessary.
- Demonstrate emotional resilience, sound judgment, and professionalism while maintaining the highest level of confidentiality when working with survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, and other traumatic experiences.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to build positive relationships with clients, colleagues, and community partners.
- Ability to confidently communicate with diverse audiences and effectively deliver presentations, training, and other public speaking engagements.
- Bilingual skills are a plus.

**The minimum salary for this position is \$21.00 per hour or \$43,680.00 annually**

Candidates should submit the applications to our website <https://abetterwaymuncie.org> OR Email resume to [contact@abwservices.org](mailto:contact@abwservices.org). Please include "Mobile Sexual Assault Program Coordinator" in the subject line.