Job Description: Advocate Shift Lead

**GENERAL POSITION PURPOSE STATEMENT - JOB DESCRIPTION SUMMARY**

The **StrongHearts Advocate Shift Lead (FT)** is a member of the Program Team and is supervised by the Services Manager of StrongHearts Native Helpline.

The StrongHearts Advocate Shift Lead (FT) responds to incoming calls on the StrongHearts Native Helpline from victims and survivors of domestic violence, advocates, general public and service providers and provides crisis intervention, referrals, information and problem solving to all callers.

The StrongHearts Advocate Shift Lead (FT) is scheduled for a 40-hour week. Required meetings may necessitate attendance during hours outside of the shift lead’s regular schedule. Additionally, the StrongHearts Advocate Shift Lead will act as a support and a shift supervisor to the rest of the advocates on the line. This requires supporting advocates after tough calls, monitoring calls, and debriefing with fellow advocates.

This position requires a high level of empathy and sensitivity to all incoming helpline calls, as well as high-level communication skills.
**JOB REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A High School Diploma or equivalent is required; college degree in social work or related field preferred. Professional and/or personal experience may substitute for educational requirements. (Equivalency formula: two years of experience is equal to one year of education.)
- Significant experience working in and with American Indian/Alaska Native communities.
- One year experience in social services preferred.
- Six months experience providing crisis intervention preferred.
- Attend required meetings which may be scheduled during hours outside of the advocate’s regular schedule.
- Ability to manage time and complete multiple activities within a reasonable time frame.
- Demonstrated ability to manage high stress situations.
- Ability to work as a team member, providing support and constructive feedback in interpersonal interaction.
- Demonstrates initiative and the ability to be flexible and creative.
- Ability to work with people from a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

**ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

**Advocacy:**

- Provide crisis intervention, safety planning, education, advocacy and referrals to callers, as appropriate.
- Collects demographic information on all calls, including entering caller’s needs and situations into caller application and documents referrals given to callers.
- Participate in advocacy trainings.
- Refers unresolved problems between service providers and StrongHearts callers to Services Manager.
- Assist program administration in keeping the database system updated by reporting all changes to be made in service provider information.
- Participates in any StrongHearts Native Helpline evaluation efforts.

**Shift Lead:**

- Monitor advocate calls to offer advocacy support, as needed.
- Debrief helpline calls with to provide emotional support and feedback about advocate performance, as needed.
- Monitor advocate helpline calls with approved coaching form as requested by Services Manager.
- Handle any urgent/last-minute advocate scheduling conflicts, in coordination with Services Manager.
- Participate in meetings with Services Manager and report on advocate performance.

*This description only includes essential functions of the job and does not imply that these are the only duties to be performed by the employee occupying this position. Employees will be required to follow any other job-related instruction and to perform any other job-related duties requested by his or her supervisor or management.*
• Ability to be flexible and adjust work hours to requirements of the organization including occasional overtime and/or work outside of normal business hours, as needed.
• Ability to respond with empathy and support to victims in crisis situations and with sensitivity and awareness to diverse cultural, ethnic and social backgrounds, values, attitudes and languages.
• Commitment to concept of local, community, volunteer-based delivery of human services by domestic violence shelters.
• Commitment to the StrongHearts Native Helpline mission, vision and values.
• Understanding of an empowerment-based advocacy model of services.
• Knowledge of the history of the battered women’s movement in the United States and the particular impact on Native Americans.
• A consistent positive solution-oriented response that includes communicating about challenges to the appropriate person in a constructive and productive manner.
• Intentionally and actively fostering positive working relationships and organizational culture.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND WORK CONDITIONS

• Experience living and/or working in Native communities preferred.
• Deeply rooted in Indigenous thought and culture and informed by high-quality research and approaches.
• Knowledge of tribal, state and national advocacy organizations working to effect social change and that address the issue of violence against Native women.
• Ability to read, write and converse in English.
• Must have emotional and physical stamina to tolerate prolonged sitting or standing to deal with a variety of stressful situations, including responses to complaints, difficult requests from programs and individuals in crisis, and internal and external interactions, to effectively work long and at times odd hours, while maintaining a sense of humor.
• Works in a normal office environment with minimum exposure to dust, noise, or temperature extremes. Requires bending, stooping, lifting and carrying objects up to 25 pounds, with or without accommodations.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and minimum level of work being performed. They are not intended to be construed as exhaustive of all duties, responsibilities and skills required for the position. The employee will be required to perform any other job-related duties as required by the job objectives, the Assistant Director, and the mission, vision and values of the StrongHearts Native Helpline. This description does not modify any employee’s at-will-status and is not a contract for continued employment of any duration.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date _____________

StrongHearts Advocate Shift Lead (FT)

Signature ___________________________________________ Date _____________

Director, StrongHearts Native Helpline
Applicant Information

Full Name: ___________________________________________ Date:______

Last First M.I.

Address: ____________________________________________

Street Address. Apartment/Unit #

________________________________________________________

City State ZIP Code

Phone: ______________________________ Email: ______________________________

Date Available: ____________ Social Security #:___________________________

Position Applying for: ________________________________________________

Tribal Affiliation:_________ Enrolled or Descendant: ________ Tribal Enrollment Number:___________

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES NO

Have you ever worked for this company? YES NO If yes, when?______________________________

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? YES NO If yes, explain: ____________________________

Are you currently or have you ever been on any federal contracting exclusion list? NO
If yes, explain: ________________________________________________________________

Education

High School: ______________________________ Address:_____________________________

From: _________ To: _________ Did you graduate? YES NO Diploma:__________________________

College: ______________________________ Address:_____________________________

From: _________ To: _________ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree:__________________________
Other:  

Address:  

From:  
To:  
Did you graduate?  

Degree:  

YES  

NO  


References

Please list three professional references.

Full Name:_________________________________________ Relationship:________________________
Company:_________________________________________ Phone:________________________
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Previous Employment

Company:_________________________________________ Phone:________________________
Address:_________________________________________ Supervisor:____________________
Job Title:_________________________________________ Starting Salary:$__________ Ending Salary:$__________
Responsibilities:________________________________________________________________________
From:_________________To:_________________ Reason for Leaving:____________________

May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES NO

Company:_________________________________________ Phone:________________________
Address:_________________________________________ Supervisor:____________________
Job Title:_________________________________________ Starting Salary:$__________ Ending Salary:$__________
Responsibilities:________________________________________________________________________
From:_________________To:_________________ Reason for Leaving:____________________

May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES NO
Company: ___________________________ Phone: ______________
Address: ___________________________ Supervisor: ______________
Job Title: ___________________________ Starting Salary: $__________ Ending Salary: $__________
Responsibilities: ________________________________________________________________
From: ____________ To: ________________ Reason for Leaving: __________________________

May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES NO
Military Service

Branch: ___________________________ From: ___________ To: ___________

Rank at Discharge: __________________ Type of Discharge: __________________

If other than honorable, explain: ____________________________________________

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to employment, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release. I authorize The National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center to verify employment and conduct a background check.

Applicant Signature: _______________________________ Date: ______________

For an application to be complete, it must contain the following:

1. Completed and signed application
2. Letter of Interest
3. Resume

Please submit all materials in confidence to:
Email: info@strongheartshelpline.org