



The Madison County Child Advocacy Center's mission is to provide a professional and child-friendly environment to assist in the investigation of allegations of child abuse, provide access to services and treatment for victims and their families and raise awareness within the community.

The Madison County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) provides professional intervention and supportive services to fight child abuse. Most importantly, the CAC provides a safe haven for children to talk about the physical or sexual abuse they may have experienced and to help in limiting the number of times a child has to be interviewed. The CAC is an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance and is designed to make children as comfortable as possible. Children and families find a comfortable, positive atmosphere, where they are supported by a multidisciplinary team of professionals.

## **FORENSIC INTERVIEWER**

### **POSITION OVERVIEW**

Forensic Interviewer opening for a full-time position working out of office in Wood River, Illinois.

The Forensic Interviewer is responsible for functioning as part of a multidisciplinary team to minimize the trauma of an investigation to child victims of sexual and serious physical abuse. The Forensic Interviewer conducts victim-sensitive forensic interviews with the child victim as part of the investigative process, types and reviews interview reports for provision to members of the multidisciplinary team, and testifies in court or DCFS administrative hearings upon request.

#### **Duties include:**

Conduct child victim-sensitive interviews adjusting interviewing strategies based on the child's communicative competence and cultural diversity; Provide relevant information to members of multi-disciplinary team in all staffings and follow up; Participate in all case staffings with multi-disciplinary team; Participate and satisfactorily complete all required training and continuing education programs for the forensic interviewer role, as well as in cross training with other disciplines represented in the multi-disciplinary team; Independently review new research regarding child sensitive forensic interviews; Complete reports within recommended time;

Maintain case files and related documents according to CAC policies; Follow the CAC protocol for a coordinated response to child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse; Represent the CAC in providing education to community groups upon the request of the CAC Executive Director; Contribute positively to the work environment and be a constructive contributor to the CAC team; Perform other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties listed above.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in human services or related field (social work, criminal justice, psychology, education) related to the mission of the CAC. Master's preferred.
- **Experience:** Two (2) years related experience providing services to children and families.
- **Other skills & knowledge:** A valid Illinois Driver's License is required. Madison County residency required.

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Qualified candidates may send resumes by fax: 618-296-5380, email: [childadvocacy@co.madison.il.us](mailto:childadvocacy@co.madison.il.us), or by US mail at Madison County Child Advocacy Center, 101 E. Edwardsville Road, Wood River, IL 62095; Position closes March 10, 2017.

Madison County Child Advocacy Center is an equal opportunity employer.