



## Trauma Therapist Job Description

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Dawn's Place is a non-profit organization that proactively supports women affected by commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and its abuse by providing services to women and raising awareness through education, prevention, public policy reform and community collaborations. Because we believe that CSE is a violation of human rights and the most extreme form of domestic violence. Dawn's Place works to improve the lives of women trapped by, or at risk for CSE through providing housing, trauma recovery services, vocational training and other services.*

### SUMMARY:

At Dawn's Place, the primary goal of therapy is to optimize client functioning by providing effective trauma-informed counseling to individuals with multiple complex needs. These needs vary based on factors such as the client's physical health, mental health, experiences, and vulnerabilities, as well as trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation. Therefore, a graduate degree in Social Work or Counseling with experience working with women who have been victimized is required.

The Therapist reports to the Executive Director of Dawn's Place.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

A clinical license is essential. Job requirements include at least two years of clinical experience in individual trauma therapy with expertise in sexual abuse, prostitution and/or rape preferred as well as experience with group facilitation and incorporating trauma principles. The therapist must have the ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

### HOURS:

This is a part-time position (approximately 20 hours). Hours are flexible but need to be coordinated with the availability of residents and other staff.

### DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES:

- participates in the weekly staff meetings where appropriate;
- maintains open communication with case manager, resident coordinator and executive director;
- conducts a comprehensive assessment on each resident before, during and at the end her stay at Dawn's Place;

- coordinates individual trauma therapy to women have a history of commercial exploitation, prostitution/sex work and/or physical and sexual abuse as well as co-occurring disorders;
- meets monthly or more often, as necessary, with Executive Director to discuss client progress as well as potential clinical issues;
- has a thorough understanding of confidentiality as it pertains to this population;
- facilitates weekly therapy process group for residents as well after-care for graduates of program;
- interacts with psychiatric and other behavioral health consultants as needed;
- responds to crises and/or emergencies;
- coordinates, conducts or participates in training as requested;
- works with the case manager to conduct exit interview summarizing the client's experience when leaving Dawn's Place;
- completes all clinical records on individual and group encounters.

**KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS:**

- know and execute one's role and duties responsibly and professionally.
- be able to work well with women from a variety of backgrounds.
- have a thorough understanding of mental health issues and addiction.
- be familiar with issues and concerns related to women, including but not limited to issues of sexual abuse, domestic violence, physical and emotional abuse.
- prior experience working with commercially sexually exploited women a plus
- must pass a criminal background check.
- respect confidentiality for the women, the house and the staff.
- must be flexible and able to adapt to changing situations.