

## Job Opening Safer Futures Advocate



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**Application Deadline:**  
Open Until Filled

**Location**  
Public Office  
1202 SE Douglas Ave  
Roseburg OR 97470

Battered Persons' Advocacy (BPA) is a private non-profit organization established in 1978, serving Douglas County Oregon, and is committed to creating a community free from family violence, sexual assault and stalking through support, education and empowerment.

BPA values diversity in the workplace and supports social justice work by addressing issues of racism, homophobia, able-bodyism, and other issues of oppression in order to make services accessible to all individuals regardless of race; color, sex, gender identity or expression; sexual orientation; national origin; religion; age; ethnic background. ***Survivors and people from historically marginalized communities are strongly encouraged to apply.***

Please submit an application and resume to the Executive Director. First screening begins July 5, 2018. To submit an application electronically, email [melanie@peaceathome.com](mailto:melanie@peaceathome.com) with the position title in the subject line. To submit your application via postal service, mail to: PO Box 1942, Roseburg OR 97470.

**Summary:** The Safer Futures Advocate is a community-based, professional position, working with healthcare and early childhood community partner programs. The Safer Futures Advocate is responsible for direct client services for survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV), specifically pregnant and newly parenting teens and adult women.

### **The Safer Futures Advocate must be capable of and consistently exhibit:**

- Performing crisis interventions and build trust quickly with trauma survivors and community partners
- Self-awareness of personal issues when interacting with trauma survivors/clients
- Ability to effectively communicate both verbally and written
- Ability to resolve conflict effectively
- Self-motivation and the ability to work with minimal supervision
- Ability to be culturally agile and work effectively with underrepresented populations
- Contributing to a workplace that focuses on the needs of every individual to achieve his or her full potential, appreciating diverse beliefs, practices and experiences
- Ability to represent the agency in professional manner
- Compassion and empathy, understanding, patience when dealing with others
- Adapt to changing tasks/situations to be responsive to clients needs

- Work actively to promote team cohesion and productivity
- Facilitation skills that keep the audience engaged and increase their knowledge and understanding

### **Job Functions & Responsibilities:**

#### Client Services

- Answer crisis line calls and respond to phone referrals
- Provide in-person safety planning with danger assessment, peer counseling, resource and referral
- Understand and comply with advocate confidentiality and privilege
- Offer direct assistance which will enhance safety e.g. transportation, door locks, emergency shelter
- Provide other advocacy with DHS programs, healthcare providers, early childhood programs, etc.
- Accompany clients to medical appointments
- Maintain knowledge of how to apply for public benefits i.e. OHP, SNAP, and TA-DVS
- Network with other community agencies on behalf of survivors
- Refer clients to other BPA programs including but not limited to DHS Advocate, Shelter services, Transitional Housing, Legal Advocacy services
- Provide information/education to clients around ACEs and the health effects of trauma and the impacts of IPV and pregnancy
- Facilitate support groups and provide one-on-one healthy relationships education

#### Program Development

- Develop procedures or practices to meet both program objectives and survivor's needs
- Provide outreach and community education
- Consult with medical professionals to coordinate services and provide education/technical assistance to improve interventions with survivors
- Provide training opportunities for volunteers
- Participate with the leadership team to improve protocols that support survivors
- Participate in staff meetings and functions and engage in professional development activities
- Actively consider costs (time, money and materials) when performing essential duties
- Statistical/narrative reports and client surveys are completed promptly and accurately
- Report program challenges, successes, and needs to the Executive Director

### **Qualifications and Skills:**

- Experience providing advocacy
- Demonstrate knowledge of intimate partner violence and pregnancy
- Skills to coordinate meetings and cultivate/sustain community partnerships
- Experience providing trainings and/or presentations
- Preferred Bachelor's Degree in healthcare, social work or related fields
- Bilingual (Spanish/English) preferred

### **Other Requirements**

- Ability to occasionally travel within and outside of Oregon State. Must have a passing driving record, current driver's license and proof of car insurance
- Ability and willingness to be on-call, work weekends and evenings is required
- Adheres to all agency policies and practices
- Current criminal background/fingerprint check and pre-employment drug screening required