FAMILY RESOURCE ADVOCATE
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Guiding Principles

We are a community of safety and hope where positive relationships, choice, and essential resources transform lives. TGP serves women, transgender individuals, and their children who are experiencing poverty, many of whom are homeless. We believe in hope as an important change agent and hold that hope for everyone. We believe deeply in the power of community and continue working to develop it. Our key values include recognizing individual strengths, building respect and trust, and offering acceptance unconditionally.

This position reports to: Family Program Manager
Department: Programs and Services
FSLA Exemption Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt

General Purpose
To maintain a safe, caring and healthy environment for our members, their children and families by offering a broad range of resources.

Essential Duties/Responsibilities

- Engage, assess and intervene with families to determine their unique needs, crises and concerns and address issues like food insecurity, housing insecurity, educational barriers, physical and mental health issues, etc., by connecting them with the appropriate resources both internal and external to TGP.
- Making referrals to outside agencies and community partners with and on the behalf of our members. This includes determining what the qualifications are for other agency’s programs to guarantee a quality referral to these agencies.
- Interact directly with kids of all ages (1 day old to 17.999 years old) one-on-one or in a group activity sessions.
- Sign members up daily for various emergency services such as showers, laundry and other appointments for food and clothing.
- Engage directly with members daily in order to build positive relationships and enrich our community.
- Provide services such as distributing mail, personal hygiene items, clothing, diapers, formula, and food.
- Investigate, research and learn about resources in the community that will be of benefit for our members. This includes contacting community agencies directly to determine what services they provide and how to access them.
- Staff the third floor desk.
- Data entry
- Assist with crisis management intervention; be able to make decisions regarding de-escalating violence, aggression, drug and alcohol behavior and chronic mental illness.
- Read to and talk with the kids to boost vocabulary and verbal skills.
- Role model appropriate, healthy and trusting relationships between children and adults for kids and their parents. This includes positive communication, redirection, boundary setting, non-physical discipline, nurturing, etc.
- Ability to remain organized and switch from one task to another in a constantly changing environment
- Maintain a safe environment for the community at all times.
• Learn and adhere to Trauma-Informed Care practices.
• Interact with all departments and personnel within the Gathering Place to ensure service delivery and to understand the workings of a non-profit agency.
• Interact with our agency volunteers and volunteers from collaborative agencies to ensure that daily services are delivered seamlessly.
• Assist other programs and departments when necessary.
Other duties as assigned by supervisor

Job Qualifications
• Must be willing to have or learn skills in crisis management
• Must be willing to learn or have knowledge of resources in Denver for homeless individuals and families.
• Ability to communicate clearly orally and in writing.
• Current knowledge of or desire to learn Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel and other computer programs and software.
• Ability to multi-task in a unique, fast-paced environment.
• Ability to work independently and in a variety of work group sizes
• Ability to listen compassionately and suspend judgment in order to accommodate the needs of individuals and include them in a highly diverse setting.

Education and Experience
• Education and experience in the field of child development and/or family studies, Bachelor’s Degree preferred but will consider experience in lieu of education.
• AED/CPR/First Aid Certification a plus

Physical Activities
- Must be able to remain in a stationary position 50% of the time.
- The person in this position needs to move about inside the office to access file cabinets, office machinery, etc.
- Constantly operates a computer and other office productivity machinery, such as a calculator, copy machine, and computer printer.
- The person in this position frequently communicates with donor and foundation inquiries. Must be able to exchange accurate information in these situations.
- Frequently moves equipment and supplies weighing up to 25 pounds across the building for various needs.
- Occasional travel within the Denver Metropolitan area is required. If transportation is by driving a personal vehicle, you must have a valid, current driver’s license recognized by the State of Colorado and carry personal auto insurance with minimum coverage amounts specified by The Gathering Place’s liability insurance carrier.

Five Key Attributes for Hiring at The Gathering Place:
• Positive and willing to learn
• Collaborative
• Open-minded and committed to diversity
• Provider of excellent customer service
• Dedicated to mission

Compensation: Salary range starts at $14 or more per hour, depending on skills and experience. The Gathering Place offers medical, dental, vision, and life insurance plans, a 403(b) retirement savings plan, a generous paid time off (vacation, sick, and holiday time), and a long-term disability plan.
**Schedule:** Schedule: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with possible scheduling 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on occasion. No evenings. No weekends.

**To Apply:** No phone calls, please. Posting open until filled. E-mail resume and cover letter to: becca@tgpdenver.org, Becca Smith, Human Resources Manager, The Gathering Place, 1535 High Street, Denver, CO 80218

The Gathering Place is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to a policy of non-discrimination and equal opportunity for all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, gender variance, gender expression, marital status, citizenship, creed, ethnicity, veteran status, ancestry, and any other protected classification. Applicants of any and all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.