

Southeast Alaska Family Evaluation (SAFE) Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is seeking to contract with local mental health professionals (licensed or unlicensed master's degree or student intern with supervision) to join our multi-disciplinary team (MDT) to provide culturally responsive, trauma-focused, evidence-supported mental health clinical services to children and other family members. Payment is processed monthly through an invoice.

### **What is a Child Advocacy Center?**

Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) are child-focused programs that coordinate between law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, and other professionals responsible for responding to child maltreatment. CACs support thorough investigations, a reduction of trauma experienced by children and families, empowering non-offending parents to protect and support their children, and more.

### **Southeast Alaska Family Evaluation (SAFE) Child Advocacy Center**

SAFE CAC, a program of Catholic Community Service (CCS), is an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance and member of the Alaska Children's Alliance. Our services include forensic interviews, medical examinations, family advocacy, mental health therapy, referral for services, and community outreach and education.

### **What is the purpose of a multi-disciplinary team (MDT)?**

A MDT is a group of professionals from specific and distinct disciplines that collaborate from the point of report and throughout a child and family's involvement with the CAC. The core MDT must be composed of representatives from law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, medical providers, mental health providers, victim advocates, and CAC staff.

MDTs coordinate investigations and service delivery to mitigate potential trauma to children and families, to keep open the lines of communication and maintain transparency and foster trust, and to help optimize a quality response overall, while preserving and respecting the rights of the clients, and the mandates and obligations of each agency.

The SAFE CAC MDT meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 8:30-10:00am.

## **Mental Health Professional Service Deliverables**

- Reserve minimum of two hourly sessions per week for CAC clients.
- Provide trauma-specific assessment of traumatic events and abuse-related trauma symptoms to determine the need for treatment.
- Provide evidence-based assessments to inform treatment.
- Create an individualized treatment plan based on assessments that are periodically reassessed.
- Deliver individualized evidence-supported treatment appropriate for the child clients and other family members.
- Ensure child and caregiver engagement in treatment.
- Monitor trauma symptom reduction.
- Referral to other community services as needed.
- Attend and actively participate in at least one Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) case review and case management meeting per month to:
  - Share relevant information with the MDT while protecting the clients' right to confidentiality and the mental health professional's legal and ethical requirements.
  - Serve as a clinical consultant to the MDT regarding child trauma and evidence-based treatment.
  - Monitor and share with the MDT the child's and caregiver's engagement in, and completion of treatment.
- Provide court testimony in civil, juvenile, or criminal cases as requested with a subpoena.

## **Mental Health Professional Education/License Requirement**

- Master's degree/license/certified in counseling, social work, psychology or related mental health field; or
- Master's degree in mental health field and working toward licensure, supervised by a licensed mental health professional; or
- Student intern in an accredited mental health related graduate program, when supervised by a licensed/certified mental health professional. Both the student intern and supervising licensed mental health professional must meet the indicated 40-hour training requirements.

## **Training and Ongoing Consultation Requirements**

- Must demonstrate completion or ability to complete 40 contact hours in training and consultation calls to deliver an evidence-supported mental health treatment to children who have experienced trauma from abuse (Examples include TF-CBT, PCIT, AF-CBT, CFTSI, EMDR).
- A minimum of one-year experience within the mental health field preferred.
- Must participate in ongoing clinical supervision and/or consultation. The Alaska Children's Alliance hosts a monthly clinical supervision call.
- Must demonstrate completion of continuing education in the field of child abuse, trauma, clinical practice and/or cultural applications consisting of a minimum of eight contact hours every two years. Attending the Alaska Conference on Child Maltreatment fulfills this requirement.

Must pass multi-state background check including fingerprinting through the Alaska Department of Health Background Check Unit (ref. 7 AAC 10.905 Barrier crimes and conditions).

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