

If interested, please submit your resume and cover letter to Heather Drees  
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## Self-Sufficiency Advocate

Safe Haven Shelter & Resource Center

32 hours/week (schedule to be determined)

\$17.64/hour

### Position Summary

The Self-sufficiency advocate works in conjunction with the Self-sufficiency team to implement and provide programming to cultivate skills that lead to increased autonomy and self-sufficiency for survivors of domestic violence. Four areas of advocacy include; Housing, Education, Employment and Connecting to Public Benefits and Community Resources.

### Responsibilities

- ✦ Provide expertise and advocacy to help navigate the local housing systems to secure long-term housing
- ✦ Assist survivors when applicable in applying VAWA protections to their housing
- ✦ Provide direct-service and/or referrals for work-force preparation skills including resume building, interviewing, networking, and leveraging social media, internet
- ✦ Connect survivors with educational resources (GED, local school visits, advocacy with academic institutions)
- ✦ Provide expertise through either direct service or referrals to assist survivors with self-care and development skills
- ✦ Goal setting and case management with survivors of domestic violence in a trauma informed setting
- ✦ Provide direction and assistance with navigating and leveraging community resources
- ✦ Build and foster relationships for existing and new partnerships with community agencies
- ✦ Implement workshops centered on education, job-training skills, and utilizing community resources
- ✦ Assist clients with navigating government assistance programs
- ✦ Create a system to collect and record outcomes of each client in order to monitor progress
- ✦ Report results of program to management
- ✦ Facilitate support/education groups
- ✦ Coordinate Wise Program with volunteer mentors and community partners
- ✦ Commitment to Safe Haven's Core Values; Empowerment, Safety, Equality, Teamwork & Compassion
- ✦ Other duties as assigned

### Qualifications

- Experience working with people in crisis and function well under pressure
- Knowledge of and/or experience working with people from diverse backgrounds
- Expertise of government-funded and other housing assistance resources/agencies
- Understand and exemplify proper boundaries and ethics with clients
- College experience in Human Services or related field
- Strong verbal and interpersonal skills
- Organized, self-directed and motivated
- Experience working in the field of domestic violence
- Ability to use technology to track client data information and outcome statistics
- Acceptance of cultural, racial, religious, affectional preference

### Other Requirement:

Must have driver's license, access to vehicle daily, and agency-required insurance liability limits

Attend all required meetings and trainings

Adhere to agency personnel policies

Survivors of domestic violence\*, women of color, LGBTQ, and people of other underrepresented subcultures in our community are encouraged to apply!

Safe Haven's 'Employment Application' can be found on our website: [www.safehavenshelter.org](http://www.safehavenshelter.org)

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