

If interested, please submit your resume and cover letter to Heather Drees [hdrees@safehavenshelter.org](mailto:hdrees@safehavenshelter.org)



## Legal Advocate

### Position Summary:

The Legal Advocate provides advocacy for domestic violence victim/survivors in criminal and civil court proceedings, ongoing advocacy/post-separation support and resource/referrals to appropriate community agencies and Resource Center programming.

### Essential Functions:

- ✦ Follow up on arrests/citations/incidents and respond effectively by providing information, referrals, and advocacy services to survivors of domestic violence
- ✦ Initiate contact with victims by phone and in person.
- ✦ Inform individuals of civil and criminal court processes and options for safety.
- ✦ Provide ongoing advocacy during criminal matters and post-conviction
- ✦ Assist individuals in writing orders for protection and domestic related harassment orders. Attend court and advocate with them during the hearing process.
- ✦ Develop safety plans with each survivor we come in contact with whenever possible
- ✦ Communicate/Advocate with the criminal justice system on behalf and with survivor, (police, probation, prosecutor, etc.)
- ✦ Attend criminal court hearings when requested and provide support and advocacy.
- ✦ Assist victims in applying for reparations, restitution and completing victim impact statements
- ✦ Complete hospital visits and provide transportation when needed
- ✦ Provide post separation support and assistance finding necessary resources
- ✦ Keep accurate records on each client served with the Apricot database
- ✦ Document each victim's injuries/evidence when needed
- ✦ Give each client information about available education/support groups and encourage them to attend.
- ✦ General advocacy where needed
- ✦ Advocate for domestic violence victims rights in social institutions and systems
- ✦ Promote Resource Center support services and make direct connections to them.
- ✦ Promote and participate in creating an environment of dignity and sense of self-worth for all survivors.
- ✦ Provide appropriate resources and referrals to each victim/survivor
- ✦ Assist with Resource Center needs wherever needed, including front desk coverage
- ✦ Support Group Facilitation
- ✦ Other duties as assigned

## Qualifications & Competencies

### Required Qualifications

- ✦ Lived experience of domestic violence and/or experience living as an unhoused person, or; college experience in Human Service or related field, or; 3 years of experience in human service work.
- ✦ Experience working with people who are:
  - managing crises.
  - from diverse racial, cultural, social, economic and LGBTQ+ backgrounds.
  - experience chronic, persistent mental illness and/or chemical dependency.
- ✦ Demonstrated consistency and dependability in regard to scheduled shifts and/or work hours.
- ✦ Ability to remain awake and alert during scheduled work hours.
- ✦ Computer skills including, but not limited to, word processing, data entry, spreadsheets and email.
- ✦ Strong written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills.
- ✦ Ability to read, write, speak and understand English.
- ✦ Valid driver's license and access to a vehicle daily with insurance minimums of 100,000/300,000/100,000.
- ✦ Ability to pass a background check and Motor Vehicle Records search before hire and annually thereafter.

### Required Competencies

- ✦ Impeccable ability to follow through with assigned, and/or self-directed tasks.
- ✦ Ability to drive a vehicle safely in all conditions and circumstances.
- ✦ Skillful at tolerating and navigating ambiguous situations effectively.
- ✦ Ability to be warm, friendly, positive and approachable.

- 🔥 Value diversity and leverage the benefits of different perspectives.
- 🔥 Ability to physically attend to the various needs of the Resource Center and other facilities when needed

#### **Desired Qualifications**

- 🔥 Bachelor's Degree in Human Service or related field.
- 🔥 Knowledge of Duluth and surrounding area community resources.
- 🔥 Understanding of trauma-informed care for survivors of domestic violence.
- 🔥 Ability to read, write, speak and understand multiple languages including American Sign Language.

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

*\*If you have been a Safe Haven client, we request that you pursue employment with our agency no less than one year after the date of your departure.*

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

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