



BILINGUAL COURT ADVOCATE AND COUNSELOR Great Barrington Office

Elizabeth Freeman Center (EFC) seeks a bilingual (Spanish and English) advocate to provide support, advocacy, and crisis response for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Splitting time between the South County District Court (Great Barrington) and EFC's south county office (Great Barrington), the advocate will provide a blend of court advocacy, crisis response, and counseling. Email cover letter and resume to jobs@elizabethfreemancenter.org. AA/EOE

Responsibilities include:

- SAFEPLAN Court Advocate (South County District Court, Great Barrington) - 2 days/week
 - Provide support, advocacy, information, and referrals to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking seeking court protection orders
 - Assist survivors in completing protective order application forms and accompany survivors in court during civil proceedings
 - Create individualized safety plans with each client
 - Develop and advance collaborative working relationships with clerks, judges, prosecutors, judges, victim witness advocates, and other members of the justice system
 - For more information on the statewide SAFEPLAN program, visit www.mass.gov/mova/safeplan

- Counselor/advocate - 3 days/week
 - Offer counseling, advocacy, crisis response, information, and referrals for survivors of domestic and sexual violence
 - Assess circumstances and emergency needs and provide assistance to meet those needs, including shelter, safety, and transportation
 - Address barriers to help or healing, and provide support
 - Advocate on issues of housing, finances and benefits, children, medical and mental health care, etc.
 - Connect survivors with internal and external community resources with follow-up as appropriate
 - Contribute to outreach and collaboration efforts, including: liaising with community partners, providing community education, disseminating program outreach materials, and tabling at community events, particularly to our Spanish-speaking community
 - Maintain appropriate and professional boundaries with individuals receiving EFC services and adhere to strict guidelines and protocols to ensure client confidentiality
 - Other duties as assigned to promote agency mission

Preferred qualifications include:

- Experience working with survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence
- Experience in counseling, community organizing, and/or community engagement
- Knowledge of domestic and sexual violence
- Knowledge of and/or interest in the court system
- Skills in: spoken and written communication, computer/technology, and collaboration
- Demonstrated commitment to providing survivors of domestic and sexual violence with holistic, accessible, trauma-informed, strength-based victim services and advocacy
- Bachelor or Associate Degree (may be waived for relevant, comparable level of work or life experience)
- Must successfully pass Criminal Record Check-CORI and have valid Massachusetts driver's license and reliable transportation

Work Hours:

40 hours per week. Occasional evening and weekend work required for outreach and counseling activities.

Applying:

To apply, please send cover letter and resume to jobs@elizabethfreemancenter.org. Deadline is rolling until the position is filled.

EFC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. People who are bilingual/bicultural, of color, LGBTQ, and/or living with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.