



## **We're Hiring for a Drop-In Advocate!**

Catalyst is seeking a compassionate and motivated candidate to fill an Advocate position at our Chico Business Office. This position is responsible for providing follow-up and extended contact with and advocacy for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their families.

Catalyst uses trauma-informed approaches and empowerment models to support people being victimized by domestic and sexual violence. We are looking for candidates who have skills/knowledge of these practices and who value the diversity of the human experience.

**This position will be 36 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$20 and a \$1/hour bilingual incentive. This position is based at Catalyst's Chico Business Office, which is open Monday thru Friday, 9am to 5pm.**

If interested in joining our team, provide a cover letter and resume one of the following ways:

**IF BY MAIL:** Catalyst, Attn: Piper, PO Box 4184, Chico CA, 95927

**IF IN PERSON:** Submit a sealed envelope with your resume and cover letter and label it "Attn: Piper" at 330 Wall St. Suite 50, Chico CA, 95928

**IF BY EMAIL:** [piper@catalystdvservices.org](mailto:piper@catalystdvservices.org) with the subject line: "Drop-In Advocate"

For any questions, please contact Piper at 530-343-2688

**This position is open until filled.**

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

*It is the policy of Catalyst to afford equal employment opportunity to all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, veteran status, disability, medical condition (as defined by California Government Code section 12929), gender identity or sexual orientation.*



POSITION: Advocate –Chico Drop-In Center

RESPONSIBLE TO: Drop-In Services Program Manager

JOB SUMMARY: Provides follow-up and extended contact with and advocacy for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their families.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Demonstrate commitment to the agency's mission and values;
- Actively engage in the development and implementation of the agency strategic plan;
- Direct participant services, including but not limited to: crisis intervention (phone/drop-in), safety planning, resource and referral, emergency transportation, shelter assessment and welcoming process;
- Meet with participants when called upon by law enforcement and other service providers;
- Accompany participants to forensic exams when called upon by medical personnel, law enforcement, or survivors;
- Accompany participants to interviews with law enforcement, the district attorney, or other agencies as requested by a survivor;
- Provide follow-up and ongoing contact with participants as appropriate to:
  - assist with safety planning
  - provide court/mediation accompaniment as needed
  - provide referrals and advocacy
  - advocate with social service, medical, and law enforcement agencies
  - other services as appropriate and approved
- Assist participants in filling out Restraining Order paperwork thru individual appointments;
- Maintain current knowledge of state and federal domestic and sexual violence legislation;
- Data entry for Chico Drop-in Center services;
- Attend regularly scheduled staff meetings;
- Attend regularly scheduled program staff meetings;
- Attend in-service training per policy;
- Staff hotline minimum 6 hours per quarter on-call;
- Other duties as assigned;



#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Related work or lived experience or a Bachelor's degree in a human service discipline;
- Demonstrated competence in clerical tasks;
- Working knowledge of current legal procedures and issues preferred;
- Competent in computer programs and general office equipment;
- Demonstrated ability to multi-task, work independently, and as part of a team;
- Excellent communication and organizational skills;
- Demonstrated ability to cope effectively in crisis;
- Completion of mandated 65-hour training (post-employment);
- Ability to pass DOJ background check and *DMV record check (proposed)*;
- Reliable transportation, valid driver's license and auto insurance; willingness and ability to maintain a safe vehicle and driving status to use for transport of Participants and self for job duties.

#### COMPENSATION:

- This is a 36 hours per week position;
- \$20.00 per hour;
- Bilingual Incentive \$1.00 per hour;
- Catalyst staff members who work 30 hours or more are eligible for dental, vision, and medical benefits as per current personnel policies.
- Travel reimbursement as per current personnel policies.