



## LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN'S AID – LAWVA JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Position</b>	<b>Child Psychotherapist</b>
<b>Responsible to line manager</b>	Counsellor Coordinator Direct line to Director
<b>Job purpose</b>	LAWVA provides support to women survivors of gender violence and their children through advice and advocacy, a refuge for those escaping situations of abuse and counselling support for women.  The purpose of this position is to provide psychological support to children survivors of traumatic experiences. Many of them living at the moment in temporary accommodation in a refuge with their mothers.
<b>Salary/Contract</b>	NJC Scale SCP 32 £24,000 pro rata per annum including inner London weighting –Fixed term contract
<b>Hours</b>	7 hours a week (2 Afternoons a week)
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Demonstrable training in child and adolescent psychology and psychotherapy</li> <li>▪ Being trained or have experience in TF-CBT or any other approach that address trauma in children</li> <li>▪ At least two years of demonstrable experience with trauma and complex psychological presentations in children</li> <li>▪ Being member of a professional ethical framework e.g. BACP/UKCP/HCPC/OISC or being in the process to obtain accreditation</li> </ul>
<b>Requirements</b>	In light of the nature of work and focus of LAWVA, the organisation considers the candidate's race and gender, to be an occupational requirement in accordance with Parag 1, Schedule 9, of the Equality Act 2010.

### Person Specification

To be successful on this role you must:

- Have a psychologist academic background.
- Have experience and knowledge of the trauma therapy approach in children.
- Being familiarized with the particular needs of the minoritised communities in the UK.
- Being able to work independently in a service that is not yet established and requires flexibility and a proactive attitude.

- Being familiarized with policies and procedures of a children counselling service, including initial assessment, risk assessment and safe guarding procedures for children.
- Being aware that children's mothers are themselves survivors of traumatizing experiences and in that sense their involvement in the therapeutic process of their children might be difficult, complex, and require an approach that takes into account their situation as well.
- Being aware that children and their mothers live in a refuge, with the complexities this implies.
- Being able to supervise a volunteer in the near future
- Being able to work as a part of a team in close relation with the Counselling Service Coordinator, The refuge and LAWA's advice centre as well as external agencies (social services, CAMHS, etc.)
- Being able to use a range of IT systems and programs (e.g. Client database, email, MS Word and Excel)

### **Main Duties and Responsibilities**

- To provide initial assessment for children and mother (including application of scales such as RCADS and SDQ)
- To provide risk assessment at the beginning and through the therapeutic relation
- To provide **short term trauma focused interventions** for children (15 sessions)
- To work with the mothers either as part of the therapeutic intervention, providing parenting skills and guidance, parent individual sessions, etc.
- To work alongside other professionals (LAWA's team -Counselling Coordinator, Advice Centre, Refuge-, schools, children's services and child protection agencies, etc.)
- To comply with service administrative procedures
- To receive clinical and managerial supervision every fortnight
- To provide a safe and effective service to children and young people.
- To deliver best practice within the service.
- To contribute to effective performance management within the service.
- To contribute to service development
- To keep abreast of developments in theory and research and undertaking continuing professional development (CPD).
- Adhere to organisational policies and procedures
- Attend and contribute to team meetings, and help build and maintain healthy working relationships within the team
- Work at all times with the best interest of LAWA in mind. Ensure that any action or comments made on behalf of or representing LAWA will not cause the organisation's name to be sullied or assist in bringing the organisation's name into disrepute.

**Please note that we are not able to sponsor any work permit or visa.**

**To apply please send your CV and a letter of intention to [recruitment@lawadv.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@lawadv.org.uk). In the email subject, please indicate the post you are applying to.**

**Deadline: April 21<sup>st</sup> 2019**