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Service/Title: Dialectical Behavior Therapist

Organization: AIDS Resource Foundation for Children (ARFC)

Department: Department of Social Services – Transitional Housing Program

Program Name: Project Nest - South

Reports to: Program Manager

FLSA Status: Contract Service Provider (non-staff)

Compensation: Up to 10 hours per week at \$120 per hour

Location: 5003 Ventnor Avenue, Ventnor City, NJ 08406

Website: www.aidsresource.org

Overview of the Organization:

AIDS Resource Foundation for Children (ARFC), a private non-profit organization founded in 1985, addresses the needs of children and families impacted by HIV/AIDS and other chronic conditions by providing holistic community-based services. Dedicated to finding family-centered solutions to the problems faced by individuals living in vulnerable situations, ARFC provides comprehensive services to underserved communities in New Jersey. ARFC’s programs were created to address the many and varied issues related to individuals living with chronic illness— fighting stigma, lessening disparities in education and healthcare, and helping people gain safe and stable housing.

Mission: AIDS Resource Foundation for Children helps children and families who are impacted by HIV/AIDS, or who have other serious medical conditions, to be resilient and to build healthier futures.

Values: We carry out our work with a relentless commitment to quality and behaviors that reflect: **Health** - We create safe and healthy environments; **Family** - We strengthen bonds among loved ones; **Compassion** - We care, and our actions reflect empathy and respect; and **Advocacy** - We empower our clients to speak, and we speak for those without a voice.

Role Summary:

The Dialectical Behavior Therapist will provide trauma-informed counseling in a weekly group setting, along with one-on-one sessions as appropriate. The therapist will work under the direction of the Program Manager in ARFC's Project Nest – South transitional housing program. This program is designed to be a safe place for young HIV-positive gay/bisexual men ages 18-24 years.

Description of Duties to be Contracted:

- Provide 2 weekly on-site trauma-informed group counseling services using the DBT model/framework
- Provide on-site trauma-informed one-on-one counseling services using the DBT model/framework
- Provide assignments to residents as appropriate (skills to practice)
- Share information with staff team and make recommendations for resident case plans
- Provide guidance and recommendations to the program for integrating therapeutic and trauma-informed care practices
- Provide education and information to staff for the purposes of further incorporating DBT theory in the Home
- Participate in team staff meetings, as needed

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- New Jersey State Licensed Counselor
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy Certificate; or equivalent experience in provision of DBT counseling
- Minimum two years experience working with target population, especially services to HIV-positive, LGBTQ, homeless, and/or mentally disabled individuals
- Demonstrated strength in group facilitation and teamwork
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work with diverse communities

Desired Personal Traits:

- A person of unquestioned honesty and integrity; values transparency.
- Well-developed political skills and personal diplomacy.
- An individual with a passion for serving the public good.

To apply for this contract position, please submit a résumé, copy of DBT certification documentation (if applicable), and your per hour compensation requirements to Yira Cuevas at ycuevas@stclausservices.org.