



JENESSE CENTER, INC.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION PROGRAM

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Domestic Abuse Response Team (**DART**) Advocate (LAPD Southwest Division)

Job Summary: During peak hours, the DART Advocate will respond with DART Officers to the scene of Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence incidents in the Southeast Division to provide on-site crisis intervention, including safety counseling, referrals for shelter, wellness counseling, legal services, and other supports. During non-peak hours, the DART Advocate will provide an immediate crisis and safety response to victims of domestic violence when contacted by law enforcement or medical professionals. The DART Advocate is responsible for coordinating follow-up and wrap-around services for victims encountered by the DART Team or referred for assistance by Southeast Division Detectives. Additionally, the DART Advocate will work with LAPD DART personnel to coordinate community response efforts and domestic violence reduction initiatives. *This position is grant-funded through June 30, 2022; Jenesse Center will seek funding renewal.*

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide immediate crisis and safety counseling to victims of domestic violence contacted by the Los Angeles Police Department or medical personnel
- Assist victims in obtaining Domestic Violence Restraining Orders, accompaniment to court proceedings, witness interviews, and other related appointments as appropriate
- Follow up with victims referred by police departments and medical personnel and provide victims with referrals, information, services, and support as needed
- Coordinate with the DART Project Manager to promote systems advocacy with law enforcement agencies, prosecuting agencies, medical personnel, and other victim service agencies
- Facilitate communication between hospitals, law enforcement, and legal system agencies on behalf of victims of domestic violence
- Assist victims with completion of Victim Impact statements and Victim Compensation Program forms
- Assist in providing ongoing outreach to law enforcement, medical facilities, and other service agencies
- Represent the DART program at community outreach events
- Collect statistical and demographic information, including incident and watch reports, and ensure accurate recordkeeping
- Timely respond to email and phone requests for service
- Attend and participate in DART meetings as scheduled
- When requested by DART Project Manager, assist with training of staff, volunteers, law enforcement, and medical personnel
- Coordinate recruitment, training, and onboarding of DART volunteers
- Must work a 4/10 Schedule during DART peak hours and work non-peak hours as needed; work schedule must mirror that of the assigned DART officer

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience
- Bilingual capability (English/Spanish) preferred
- Must have 40-hr Domestic Violence Counselor Certification
- Experience working with victims and survivors of DV/ IPV victims
- Understanding of domestic abuse and related issues
- Ability to function independently and in a team environment
- Demonstrated ability to handle confidential information
- Ability to deal well in crises
- Willingness to respond on-scene with LAPD officers and provide immediate crisis intervention to DV/IPV victims.
- Willingness to work from the police station and the field
- Strong communication skills
- Understanding of the civil and criminal justice systems, especially as related to DV/IPV
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to work collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary environment
- Valid California Driver's License and automobile insurance

Salary and Benefits: This is a full-time position. The salary range is **\$38,000 — \$48,000** annually, commensurate with experience. Jenesse Center offers full-time employees a generous benefits package that includes paid sick and vacation leave. In addition, employees can participate in an optional contributory 401(k) retirement plan and dependent and health flex savings accounts (FSA).

About the Organization: Founded in 1980, Jenesse is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit domestic violence intervention and prevention organizations in South Los Angeles. Jenesse's **mission** is to restore and provide trauma-informed, culturally responsive holistic, comprehensive services to survivors and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence; and advance prevention modalities to sustain healthy and safe communities free of violence. Jenesse's multi-disciplinary shelter staff provides services 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. In addition, we foster a wellness-based and culturally responsive community by providing the following services:

About DART: Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART.) are multi-disciplinary crisis response teams that pair domestic violence advocates with specially trained Los Angeles Police Department DART officers to respond to 911 emergency calls for domestic violence incidents. Both the officers and the victim advocates are highly trained and have extensive knowledge on signs of intimate partner violence, sensitivity working with victims and their children, and other issues of domestic violence. DART Advocates are not law enforcement personnel and do not work for the police. Any information a victim discusses with a DART Advocate is confidential and cannot be shared with third parties without written authorization.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, and resume, to Ambe Regina via email at aregina@jenesse.org with "DART Advocate Position" in the subject line. Jenesse Center will accept applications until the position is filled.

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