**Provident Inc.**

 **Life Crisis Services**

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**LCS CRISIS WORKER APPLICATION**

**Description:**

Life Crisis Services (LCS) is one of the nation's oldest hotlines. We respond to over 100 calls a day from people experiencing all levels of crisis, including suicidal thoughts and intentions. In order that we prepare students to work the hotline with confidence, we provide a **mandatory** training session in Crisis Intervention. This training has been accredited by the American Association of Suicidology and will qualify you to respond to the most challenging of calls. The training consists of approximately 81 hours--44 hours of classroom training followed by 21 hours of "hands-on" training and 16 hours of online modules and take home tests. We want to make sure you are confident and prepared when working on the crisis lines and we feel the training will prepare you entirely. Please note that the majority (90-95%) of your experience at Life Crisis Services will be telephonic. Other opportunities include observing Survivors of Suicide support groups, participating in Community Education presentations and fairs, and providing support to users of our Feeling Kinda Blue website.

Hope After (graduate students only): Hope After case managers provide short-term structured case management to their case load by conducting assessments, developing a safety and treatment plan, working on co-created goals, link their clients with support in their communities, and use crisis skills as needed. Case Managers also may work with the client’s health team to ensure comprehensive and high-quality care. Students who participate in Hope After will strengthen their oral and written communication skills by speaking with clients and keeping case notes, will develop a knowledge of local referrals and network with these referrals, will develop solutions to action plans in crisis situations, and will determine when termination or graduation is appropriate for clients. Students will be expected to hold a case load of 4-8 clients per 3 hour shift, and will be expected to contact their clients on a weekly basis by phone.

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 Are you at least 18 years old? [ ]

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**I WANT TO VOLUNTEER** [ ]  ***OR***  **I AM A STUDENT SEEKING PRACTICUM** [ ]

MASTER LEVEL [ ]  UNDERGRAD [ ]  # HOURS NEEDED

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Through which school?

**Education:**

Current School(s):

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| School | Dates | Field | Degree |
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Completed Program(s):

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**EMPLOYMENT:**

**Current Employment:**

Organization:

Address:

Dates: Position:

Responsibilities:

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name:

Relation:

Phone Number:

Address:

Name:

Relation:

Phone Number:

Address:

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:**

List organizations you are a member of and/or prior volunteer experience:

Organization:

Address:

Dates: Position:

Responsibilities:

Organization:

Address:

Dates: Position:

Responsibilities:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

(Conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant)

If yes, please explain:

Please list any health concerns or disabilities which may influence your learning experience:

Will you need any special accommodations? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Have drugs or alcohol ever interfered with your working or volunteer experiences?

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If yes, please explain:

**Training**:

The training at LCS is 69 hours total (including 9 hours of observations which are completed during the week between the two training weekends and 12 hours of consultations which are completed at least two weeks after the training). Training occurs over the course of two consecutive weekends from 9am to 5pm with a half hour lunch. All components of the training are mandatory. Training is considered a part of the interview process. At LCS, we respect your right to decide that LCS may not be the ideal placement for you, and we ask that you respect our right to make the same determination.

Would you be interested in participating in special projects and community education events prior to the beginning of training? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Volunteers are required to complete a minimum 12-month commitment, working at least one 3-hour shift per week. Practicum students are required to work their scheduled shifts until the second Sunday of the month in which you are expected to complete you placement.

 Are you able to make this commitment? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Please Check the days and times you are generally available to volunteer:

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| Sun[ ]  | Mon[ ]  | Tue[ ]  | Wed[ ]  | Thurs[ ]  | Fri [ ]  | Sat[ ]  |
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Hours available per week?

(Minimum of 3 hours per week required)

Length of expected service?

(Minimum of 12 month commitment required for direct service)

**Available shifts are Monday-Sunday…**

**7-9am; 9am-12pm; 12-3pm; 3-6pm; 6-9pm; and 9-11pm.**

In order to gain an understanding of your professional and personal experiences, and to determine your suitability for work on the crisis line, we must ask you for some rather personal information. All information you provide is strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than the Volunteer & Practicum Coordinator and the Clinical Director at Life Crisis Services.

How did you hear about Life Crisis?

Please describe your reasons for wanting to volunteer for LCS:

What is most interesting/exciting to you about volunteering for LCS?

What strengths/skills can you bring to LCS?

What professional or personal skills are you hoping to develop or strengthen?

How can you provide support to someone who is experiencing a crisis?

Are you currently having thoughts of suicide? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Have you ever attempted suicide? Please explain (when, method) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Have you ever had a friend or loved one attempt or complete suicide? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Please explain (relationship, how long ago)

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Are you currently in therapy? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Counselor’s Name: Length:

(If you are currently in therapy, **we must have a written approval from your therapist** for you to work on the crisis line. Please attach a short letter of approval from your therapist to the application.)

Please check if you have utilized any of the following services within the last twelve months:

[ ]  Life Crisis Services [ ]  Feeling Kinda Blue Website

[ ]  Provident Counseling [ ] Lifeline

Are you currently feeling depressed? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If yes, how long have you been feeling depressed?

How is this a change from your usual self?

Have you been severely depressed in the past? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If yes, how were you able to manage the depression?

What are your thoughts on giving personal advice in a professional setting?

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Everyone has been faced with a difficult situation in their life. Please describe a specific crisis situation you have experienced and how you dealt with it:

Did the above-described crisis occur within the past year? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

In what ways do you handle stress?

What type of support systems do you utilize?

Crisis line callers come from a variety of backgrounds. Their beliefs may allow them to consider options that your values may not include.

How do you view people who are “chronically negative” and don’t seem to want to change?

How would you feel about talking to a caller whose sexual orientation differed from your own?

How would you feel about talking to a caller about a sexual concern?

**Please complete the following statements:**

* Individuals experiencing thoughts of suicide are:
* Abortion is:
* If I were to experience a personal problem I would:
* Religion is:

**Please check the response that best represents your attitudes or beliefs:**

If an individual called and was experiencing a particular problem, they should decide to address that issue by the end of the call:

[ ]  Agree Strongly

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Disagree

[ ]  Strongly Disagree

If I am a good enough crisis worker, I will be able to solve most caller problems:

[ ]  Agree Strongly

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Disagree

[ ]  Strongly Disagree

It is okay for other people to ask for help, but for myself it is a sign of weakness:

[ ]  Agree Strongly

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Disagree

[ ]  Strongly Disagree

If a caller was suicidal, I would see it as my responsibility to talk them out of it:

[ ]  Agree Strongly

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Disagree

[ ]  Strongly Disagree

The wellbeing of a caller’s family should be preserved at all costs:

[ ]  Agree Strongly

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Disagree

[ ]  Strongly Disagree

I would consider getting professional counseling myself if circumstances warranted it:

[ ]  Agree Strongly

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Disagree

[ ]  Strongly Disagree

If someone was being abused by a significant other, it would be my responsibility to encourage them to leave the relationship:

[ ]  Agree Strongly

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Disagree

[ ]  Strongly Disagree

If a caller mentioned they abuse their spouse, I would educate the caller as to why abuse is wrong:

[ ]  Agree Strongly

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Disagree

[ ]  Strongly Disagree

It is OK to self-disclose personal information to a caller if I feel it will somehow benefit them:

[ ]  Agree Strongly

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Disagree

[ ]  Strongly Disagree

**Applicant’s Statement:**

I certify that answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application at the discretion of Life Crisis Services. I understand that false or misleading information given in my application or during the interview(s) may result in dismissal as a volunteer/practicum student. I understand that for the duration of my involvement with the Crisis Center, I may be asked by a staff member to withdraw or resign at any time. I understand that I am required to abide by all rules and regulations of Life Crisis Services.

Signature of Applicant: Date:

When complete, please email, mail, or fax your application as well as your resume along with a cover letter to:

**recruitment@providentstl.org**

**OR**

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