RARA

Rockbridge Area Relief Association

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HelpLine Assistant

Status: Hourly, 12 hours/week

Job Summary:

The HelpLine Assistant helps with the daily operations of RARA's Housing Support and Utilities Assistance programs. This role ensures the program runs efficiently and effectively while fostering a welcoming environment for clients, volunteers, and community partners.

Responsibilities:

- Program Operations
 - Assist with daily operations of the Housing Support and Utilities Assistance programs.
 - Help with the intake, assessment, and referral process to connect clients with appropriate resources and services.
 - Take phone applications and enter client data into the online database.
 - Contact landlords, utility companies, and other vendors to verify client eligibility.
 - Approve or deny applications, with the guidance of the HelpLine Coordinator, based on RARA requirements, budget, and funding source guidelines.
 - Provide referrals to local and regional agencies.
 - Assist the HelpLine Manager and Coordinator with training and supervising volunteers and interns.
- Data Management & Reporting
 - Ensure accurate data entry and records retention.
 - · Assist with the completion of EnergyShare paperwork.
- Additional duties as assigned.

Qualifications & Skills

- High school diploma or equivalent required. Some college coursework in Social Work, Sociology & Anthropology, or a related field preferred.
- Experience in customer service, social services, or nonprofit work preferred.
- Bilingual in Spanish/English preferred.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite or Mac systems required.
- Adaptability to learn and use software applications efficiently.
- Strong organizational, interpersonal, and time management skills.
- High attention to detail and problem-solving ability.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and provide exceptional customer service.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to work effectively in collaboration with diverse groups of people.
- Capacity to calmly and compassionately interact with people facing utility disconnects, eviction, or homelessness.

Pay Range: \$16 - 17 per hour, based on experience and skills.

How to Apply: Email your resume and cover letter to <u>director@raralex.org</u>. Start date is flexible for the right candidate.