

Professional Counselor Needed for Humboldt Park UMC: Mujeres a Mujeres

Who are we looking for?

- A counseling professional (*MA, MSW, i.e.*), preferably with progressive values
- Someone who is fully bilingual (English/Spanish)
- Sensitive to those who are suffering or have been victims of domestic/intimate partner violence and sexual abuse
- Willing to work in both individual and family counseling
- Available to work Saturday mornings (*Either 1 or 2 Saturdays per month*)
- Able to take around 5 to 7 cases per month, an hour per session, *either on 1 Saturday or divided between 2 Saturdays*
- Able to maintain an updated list of mental health resources for the community, especially where to refer cases, as necessary
- Willing to offer counseling required for visa, asylum and other immigration processes, including supporting documents required by the USCIS to confirm mental health services received
- Know and work well with the diverse Latino and broader community
- Willing to work in coordination with the Mujeres a Mujeres Coordinator who schedules appointments and supports clients in completing paperwork
- Willing to offer either in-person (with Covid guidelines) or virtual/phone sessions to meet the diverse needs of the clients

Compensation and Application Process

- We offer a per appointment stipend, at a “low bono” rate
- Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Rev. Paula Cripps-Vallejo at revpaulacrippsvallejo@gmail.com by August 31st, 2021
- Any questions should be directed to Rev. Paula Cripps-Vallejo at the email above

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Since 2003 our congregation has had our Mujeres a Mujeres (Women to Women) ministry. One facet of Mujeres a Mujeres is to offer free, high-quality, professional counseling services at no cost to the community. Counseling is an important element for Mujeres a Mujeres, because many Latina women are not able to focus in their own mental and emotional health due to lack of economic resources, lack of access to mental health resources, myths about mental health, and lack of childcare. Most of the women that we have helped/are helping are single women who are the breadwinner for their household, many of whom have been victims of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse. Our Counseling intentionally welcomes women who don't have health insurance, who have an undocumented immigration status, and who don't have access to mental health services. Though some of may have access to mental health resources, in the public sector they are unable to obtain counseling in a timely manner at a local mental health clinic, or the governmental agency may be unwilling to help them. Our Counseling is completely free to the community, and we are able to respond in a timely and immediate manner. When counseling sessions happen in person, we offer free childcare. Though our focus is on women, we welcome all people who need counseling to utilize this resource for our community.

Humboldt Park United Methodist Church is located at 2120 N Mozart St, Chicago, IL, 60647

Our Vision: *We are called to exalt the Risen Christ through our lives as individuals, as a church and as a united community. Preparing ourselves, and others, for actions of justice and mercy that bring God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.*

Our Mission: *The people of God serving and changing lives through Christ for the transformation of the world*

