The Huntington's Disease Society of America is a National, voluntary health organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with Huntington's Disease and their families. To promote and support research and medical efforts to eradicate Huntington's Disease. To assist people and families affected by Huntington's Disease to cope with the problems presented by the disease. To educate the public and health professionals about Huntington's disease.

The function of an HDSA Tucson Arizona Chapter Social Worker is to assist individuals and families in the area affected by Huntington's disease and health care professionals by providing an optimum level of support through information and referrals to appropriate resources.

The desirable candidate should be self-motivated with strong public speaking and excellent organizational skills. Computer proficiency with an emphasis on word processing and database management is required as well as a willingness to develop an understanding of HD and knowledge of local resources.

The desired candidate will hold a BSW from an accredited institution with a minimum of 3 years experience or an MSW from an accredited institution with experience preferred. A psychologist or other mental health professional may also be substituted for a BSW/MSW if necessary. Experience working with populations affected by a neurological or genetic disease is preferred. This is an independent contracting position.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- The social worker will retrieve and answer all helpline calls, emails and letters.
- A part-time chapter Social Worker should facilitate a minimum of 1 monthly support group. The social worker also oversees and mentors support groups led by a peer or professional.
- The social worker will serve as a liaison between HDSA (National, Chapter, local Center(s) of Excellence, and/or Affiliate(s)) and the area support group leaders, providing relevant and timely information via email or phone communications, newsletters or by giving presentations at group meetings.
- The social worker will actively seek opportunities for and provide in-services and HD educational materials to medical, long-term care and law enforcement facilitates as well as other appropriate entities.
- The social worker must work to acquire and regularly update his/her knowledge of HD by reading professional literature, reviewing regional and national HDSA communications, and attending appropriate meetings and/or seminars.
- All HDSA social workers are required to maintain professional continuing education credits required for social worker licensure.
- The social worker will develop and maintain a file of community-based and state medical and professional resources available to people with HD and/or their families.
- Located in Tucson, Arizona

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