



# BAY CLIFF HEALTH CAMP

CHILDREN'S THERAPY AND WELLNESS CENTER

## **Instructor of the Hearing Impaired Job Description**

(Children's Summer Therapy Camp Session)

An instructor of the hearing impaired at Bay Cliff is a vital part of the total camp program. In addition to instructional duties, an instructor versed in sign language may be called upon to assist with interpreting for the deaf or teaching signs for a performance or various camp activities. Basic instructional areas of emphasis will include: speech reading, oral and written language, vocabulary, auditory training, academics, and social skills. The teaching of sign language will be used with campers who use total communication and for nonverbal children who communicate via sign language. Maintenance of hearing aids and teaching proper use and care of them is an ongoing role throughout the summer.

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Therapy Coordinator, Camp Directors.

### **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Develop and provide a realistic, positive, personalized seven-week instructional program.
2. Have fun, enjoy being with children, and enter enthusiastically into camp life, activities, & routines.
3. Provide feedback and recommendations to referral professionals and parents in the form of a written report for each camper on your caseload.
4. Carry out any other duties as may be assigned by the Therapy Coordinator.

### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Arrive at camp on the specified day in your contract.
2. Evaluate & treat an average caseload of 15 campers in individual and/or group sessions. Each instructor will develop a short-term individualized program for the summer. This will also be facilitated by meeting with parents when campers arrive and evaluating each camper informally during the first week of camp.
3. Communicate to counselors the goals for each camper and instruct them in assisting towards these goals through a cabin carryover plan within the living units.
4. Attend daily departmental meetings to discuss the day's announcements/camp events.
5. Attend a staffing as needed for a camper(s) on your caseload.

6. Participate in the general camp program. This includes attendance at meals, helping out with campers during some of the evening programs, and participating in all-camp events such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.
7. Provide “Unit Night Out” coverage for camp counselors and help with the Dining Room duties, 3-4 times during the summer, as needed.
8. Clean, decorate and maintain your therapy cabin and office area at the beginning of camp, weekly during the camp and at the end of camp.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Must be certified as a teacher/consultant of the hearing impaired or certified as a special education teacher or specialized clinician of the hearing impaired with a background in language development, linguistics, or aural rehabilitation. (Please provide photocopies of certification(s) with your application.)
2. Need to have an ability to work with others in a spirit of cooperation, patience, and respect.
3. Desire to live and work in a camp setting.
4. A love for children is a must!

### **PRE-REQUISITES FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM:**

1. Instructors who have knowledge/competence in their field, and have the ability to convey knowledge/techniques in a meaningful way.
2. Staff which has an ability to communicate with campers and co-workers well and be respectful of their opinions, needs, and differences.
3. Individuals who demonstrate flexibility and want to make the most of their therapy camp experience.
4. Individuals whose spirit of cooperation allows them to work as a team.

Program details for the therapy staff are provided in the summer overview document.

Other duties may be assigned by the Therapy Coordinator, Educational Coordinator or Camp Directors.

All staff members are responsible for cleaning their departments and living quarters at the beginning, during and at the end of camp.