



BAY CLIFF HEALTH CAMP

CHILDREN'S THERAPY AND WELLNESS CENTER

Instructor of the Visually Impaired Job Description

(Children's Summer Therapy Camp Session)

An instructor of the visually impaired at Bay Cliff works with children with a variety of visual impairments ranging from low vision to blindness. Basic areas of emphasis will depend on the child's needs and may include: using functional vision in activities of daily living (ADL), orientation to environment & mobility, Braille skills, communication skills, social skills, academics, and use of technology. Teaching the proper care and maintenance of glasses and low vision aids is an ongoing part of the 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 and 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 formally and 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 4th 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 hold at least one of the following certifications:
 - a) Teacher Consultant of the Visually Impaired
 - b) Orientation and Mobility Specialist
 - c) Rehabilitation Teacher

New graduates and/or student interns need to have successfully completed courses of study in an accredited program and have acquired student teaching or clinical experience.

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.