



BAY CLIFF HEALTH CAMP

CHILDREN'S THERAPY AND WELLNESS CENTER

Occupational Therapist Job Description

(Children's Summer Therapy Camp Session)

Bay Cliff's Summer Therapy Program provides clinical therapy services to children with physical impairments in a residential camp setting. Input from referring health care professionals, families and the campers themselves, compliment the Bay Cliff therapist's evaluation to determine the therapy goals that will be worked towards during the seven week camp. Each camper has an individualized schedule of daily therapy sessions that occur in addition to all of the traditional camp activities being provided. Bay Cliff therapists are helpful throughout camp in facilitating "therapy carryover" of goals outside of therapy sessions. Camp counselors are aware of the skills that their campers are working on, and encourage practice during the activities and routines of the day. This collaborative effort, in a therapy-rich environment results in great success in helping campers achieve their goals & dreams.

RESPONSIBLE TO: Therapy Coordinator, Camp Directors

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Develop and provide a realistic, positive, personalized seven-week therapy 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 15-18 campers.
3. Communicate to counselors the therapy goals for each camper and instruct them in assisting towards these goals through a cabin carryover plan within the living units. Provide training for counselors in the areas of transfers, positioning, etc.
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 the therapy gym and small treatment rooms at the beginning of camp, during, and at the end of camp.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Occupational therapists must be licensed with the State of Michigan.
2. Student therapists must be enrolled in an accredited university/college program that has established an affiliation with Bay Cliff as a fieldwork site (or would be willing to do so).
3. Clinical experience with pediatric populations is preferred.
4. Need to have an ability to work with others in a spirit of cooperation, patience, and respect.
5. Desire to live and work in a camp setting.
6. A love of children is a must!

PRE-REQUISITES FOR A SUCCESSFUL THERAPY PROGRAM:

1. Therapists 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.