

Direct Support Professional/ PCA/ Caregiver

BRIDGE For Community Life

Join our team! Direct Support Professionals provide an essential service to families and is highly rewarding! This position is ideal for a person who enjoys working with children. We seek candidates who are interested in helping children with disabilities after school, evenings, and/or weekends. Assisting with activities of daily living, doing community outings, and assisting with homework are some examples of necessary activities.

General:

Direct Support Professionals work 1 to 1 with children and adults with intellectual and/or physical disabilities in their home. They provide safe and essential care including routine activities of daily living, safe & engaging community outings, after school care, and more.

This is a great opportunity to gain hands on experience in a non-profit organization for those going into the teaching field, special education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, or medical industry.

If you have been a caregiver, PCA or have had similar experience and are ready to use your skills in a more dynamic environment, this position may be just for you.

Wage: \$16.50 - \$17.00 per hour depending on qualifications

Shift Description: Full-time, Part-time

- This position is offering up to a potential of 40 hours per week ranging between Monday and Sunday.
- Shift times: Daytime and/or evening
- Reports to: Program Director

Job Duties:

Assist client with-

- Dressing, meal prep & feeding, cleaning, using the restroom, and fitness.
- Direct Support Professionals help clients reach their individualized goals, help to promote communication skills, and increase socialization opportunities.
- Direct Support Professionals provide supervision and transportation to community activities.
- Direct Support Professionals are responsible for administration of medications.
- Direct Support Professionals are responsible for completing daily charting.

Working Conditions:

- Walk/Stand --Drive up to 2 hours--Bend/Stoop--Balance -Lift, carry, transfer up to 50lbs

Employment Requirements:

- Experience working with adults with challenging behaviors, with intellectual and/ or physical disabilities and Autism preferred.
- High school diploma
- Must pass a criminal history Background check

- Possess a valid driver's license and have an acceptable driving record- Must provide a current copy of your driving record
- Willing to drive personal vehicle to and from clients' home and community outings
- Highly reliable
- Each employee is required to operate in a manner that promotes a team-oriented atmosphere
- Strong communication skills
- Complete CPR and first aid training preferred

(DSP) Direct Support Professionals are considered essential workers.

COVID-19 considerations:

- DSP receive complimentary hospital grade personal protective equipment daily -face masks & eye wear protection and digital thermometer.
- DSP will conduct daily temperature symptom screenings of themselves & clients before the start of each shift.