

## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**

Puddingstone Place is a private treatment center, serving individuals with autism and other disabilities. Our energetic and highly qualified staff provides speech and language diagnosis and treatment, occupational therapy, and behavior support services to individuals across the lifespan. Our unique therapeutic approach, developed by Boston Children's Hospital, emphasizes use of visual supports and cutting-edge technology to deliver innovative instruction and exceptional outcomes. Puddingstone Place has an exclusive license with Boston Children's Hospital to deliver this unique program. Opportunity for advancement.

Compensation: Commensurate with experience

We are seeking highly qualified individuals who enjoy working with children and adults with special needs. The ideal candidate will be reliable, punctual and eager to learn.

### **Job Position: Occupational Therapist**

#### **General Summary**

The Puddingstone Place Occupational Therapist is part of an interdisciplinary team of professionals who is expected to provide the highest caliber of instruction in individual and/or small class settings. The Puddingstone Place Occupational Therapist will provide direct and indirect occupational therapy services those learners requiring occupational therapy intervention. The Puddingstone Place Occupational Therapist is supervised by the Clinical Director of Puddingstone Place.

#### **Responsibilities and Duties**

##### **The Occupational Therapist will be responsible for:**

- Provide direct therapy to children and adults with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities on a one-to-one and small group basis.
- Administer diagnostic assessments (formal and informal evaluations) to individuals with ASD and other developmental disabilities.
- Develop sensory-motor diets to be utilized throughout the learner's day.
- Coordinate home-school occupational therapy programs. Consult with parents and school staff to ensure carryover of targeted skills.
- Provide consultation and training to team regarding occupational therapy needs of learners attending Puddingstone Place.
- Supervise certified Occupational Therapy Assistants.
- Collaborate with speech language pathologists and behavior specialists to help facilitate carryover of all skills across environments
- Determine optimal physical access strategies to a range of augmentative-alternative communication (AAC) systems. Mount AAC systems to seating/positioning systems as needed.
- Attend scheduled staff meetings, supervision, and on-going training.
- All required trainings, certifications and licensure must be kept current in accordance with applicable licensing and accreditation regulations and standards.
- Contribute to the development and maintenance of the clinical record through the timely completion of assigned documentation in accordance with applicable licensing and accreditation regulations and standards.
- Respect the privacy of clients and hold in confidence all information obtained during the client's treatment. All client-related documents should be handled in accordance with Puddingstone Place guidelines on confidential material.

#### **Qualifications and Skills**

##### **To qualify, you must have:**

- Minimum Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy
- Valid MA Occupational Therapy license. National Board Certification in Occupational Therapy
- Sensitivity in relating to persons of varying backgrounds and demonstrate ability to work with diverse groups of people possessing various strengths, aptitudes and abilities. Ability to perform job responsibilities with a high degree of initiative and independent judgment. Demonstrated oral and written communication skills and effective interpersonal skills. Proficiency in using computer systems and software as required performing essential job functions. Practical and creative problem-solving skills.
- Combination of education, training and/or experience in working with individuals with autism

**Benefits**

Puddingstone Place offers a comprehensive and competitive benefits package.

Job Types: Full-time