

Infant and Toddler Autism Intervention Program Employment Opportunity

Position: Behavioral Aide, Infant and Toddler Program:
1 - FTE, competitive wage with benefits, 35 hours per week AND
1 – 0.6 FTE, competitive wage with benefits, 21 hours per week

Make a difference in a child's life! The Infant and Toddler Program is a joint venture between the Centre for Autism Services Alberta and others in the autism community. This project provides innovative, parent centered therapies to young children (18-42 months) diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, and then assesses the quality and impact of those therapies on a child's life.

Behavioral Aide's work as collaborative members of a multidisciplinary team including a Speech Language Pathologist, an Occupational Therapist, a Behavioral Specialist, a Program Coordinator and a Psychologist. The program's goal is to provide the majority of intervention hours for parent training sessions in the community and/or home settings during the day. The Behavioral Aide is trained in behavioral and developmental therapies intended to elicit higher levels of communication and social responsiveness.

The Centre for Autism Services Alberta is an Edmonton based non-profit registered charity offering services to children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) for over 10 years. The Centre for Autism Services Alberta provides Specialized Services, Respite and Community Services for children from the age of diagnosis, using multidisciplinary teams. Home and centre based year round programs support the inclusion of the child in his/her community.

Job Description:

- Work one-on-one with a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in his/her home and/or community setting.
- Implement the child's intensive multi-disciplinary educational program under the direction of clinical staff.
- Teach and model program plan strategies for members of community groups in which the child with ASD is attending, when required
- Participate in collaborative clinical meetings around goal setting and modifications
- Build positive rapport with the families of newly diagnosed children
- Collect data and submit summaries as required
- Complete communication logs and other anecdotal records as needed.
- Implement concepts from clinical staff (including Behavioral Specialists, Occupational Therapists and Speech Language Pathologists) into an effective program, and model concepts for parents as instructed.
- Prepare instructional materials as needed.
- Prepare and plan activities when requested by clinical staff.
- Participate in program development
- **Specialized training is provided.**
- 35 hours per week.

Qualifications:**Education:**

- Bachelor's degree in a related field or similar combined education and experience
- Courses in psychology, education, social work, special needs, nursing, rehabilitation, early childhood development, occupational therapy or speech language pathology are considered an asset.

Experience:

- 6 months of experience working as an Aide, or equivalent, with children with Autism is required
- Additional experience working with children and/or the special needs population is an asset
- *Locations:* Throughout Edmonton, St. Albert, Sherwood Park, Leduc, and Beaumont.
Employees may be able to choose days, location(s) and/or areas of the city that best suit their needs and schedule.

Hours:

- Most hours are daytime, particularly mornings (Monday to Friday) with occasional Saturdays if needed. Some flexibility in scheduling is possible
- Tuesday afternoons are our regular clinical team meetings
- Wednesday evenings are required when parent training is occurring

Requirements:

- Willing to participate in Pivotal Response Training (PRT) as directed
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Strong desire to work with and help young children diagnosed with an ASD
- Basic understanding of childhood development
- Able to work collaboratively in a team oriented environment
- Dependable with a strong work ethic
- Ability to adapt to change
- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality
- **Willingness to Provide the Following upon Hire: Clear Criminal Record check, Clean Child Welfare check and valid First Aid and Child & Infant CPR.**

Application deadline: July 23, 2010.

Apply to:	Susan Gynane, HR Director by mail, e-mail or fax:
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Please indicate on your cover letter if you prefer a 0.6 FTE or 1.0 FTE position.