



POSITION TITLE: Orientation and Mobility Specialist

DATE: July 2020

SALARY RANGE: As set by Contract

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: VP of Client Services

THIS IS A: STAFF POSITION _____ LINE POSITION _____ X _____

GENERAL FUNCTION: The primary responsibility of the person in this position is to provide services (orientation and mobility evaluation and training, low vision evaluation and training, and assistive technology evaluation and training) for adults and children who are visually impaired or blind, or who have intellectual disabilities. These services are typically provided in the individual's home/community.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY: None

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assessment

- Assess clients' individual needs and skill levels in the areas of orientation and independent mobility.
- Complete Low Vision Assessments or screenings.
- Assist with client assessment for the use of assistive technology as it relates to vision loss and the individual's need to be independent (e.g., smartphones, computers, screen magnifiers and readers, CCTVs, magnifiers).

Training and ongoing assessment

- Train persons who are blind or visually impaired to have confidence in the use of their senses; including functions of the auditory, tactile, olfactory and kinesthetic senses. Additionally, to teach visualization and/or spatial relationships and the use of residual vision if present.
- Teach the use of the long cane and sighted guide techniques in both indoor and outdoor environments.
- Train clients in traveling in residential, business, and rural settings including the use of public transportation.
- Assist with training with use of assistive technology as it relates to vision loss and the individual's need to be independent (e.g., smartphones, computers, screen magnifiers and readers, CCTVs, magnifiers).

Reports and documentation

- Write formal assessment reports, as well as periodic progress reports.
- Develop and implement programs of instruction to meet client needs.
- Provide IEP, ISP, and IFSP goals that are measurable and appropriate.
- Consult with other specialists, or specialist in the medical field to determine a clients' physical, emotional and mental capabilities and limitations.
- Keep daily logs of client progress in TrackRecords, TEIDS, etc.
- Provide written monthly reports to counselors and other referral/funding sources.
- Assist counselors and case managers in developing and implementing rehabilitation plans involving orientation and mobility skills and low vision techniques.

Other

- Coordinate programs with all other aspects of a clients' comprehensive training program.
- Develop and implement in-service training for rehabilitation staff and the community.
- Maintain certification through continuing education credits and direct service.
- Complete any training as it relates to referral and funding sources (e.g., DIDD training through Relias)
- Aid the department and the clients we serve by delivering, setting up, etc. any low vision equipment or assistive technology as needed.
- Other duties as may be assigned.

<p>KNOWLEDGE AND REQUIRED TRAINING: The person occupying this position must have Bachelor's or Master's degree from an accredited College or University in Orientation and Mobility. This person must be certified or eligible for certification in orientation and mobility by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP). If uncertified at time of employment, this person must become certified within 6 months after employment. Certification for Assistive Technology Instructional Specialist (CATIS) preferred but not required.</p>
<p>PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS: In order to appropriately accomplish his/her duties, the person occupying this position must maintain effective relationships with a wide variety of professional colleagues both within the Center and within other agencies and particularly with clients of the Center. He/She will be expected to participate in the usual range of professional organization and to serve as a representative of the Center on appropriate committees, task forces, etc.</p>
<p>PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.</p>
<p>WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work environment characteristics described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.</p>
<p>DISCLAIMER: The preceding job description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of duties to be performed by employees with this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities and qualifications required of employees assigned to this job.</p>

Name (printed): _____

Staff's Signature: _____ Date: _____