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St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Schuylkill Haven

Position Description

Job Title: Physical Therapist

Job Status: Part-time (specific days/hours to be determined)

Reporting Functions: Reports to Principal, Bob Giba

Job Function:

The Physical Therapist provides evaluation, consultation, and therapeutic services to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This position supports students in improving mobility, strength, coordination, and overall physical functioning to help them participate as fully as possible in educational and daily activities within the school environment.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Evaluate students to determine physical therapy needs and develop appropriate treatment plans.
- Provide individualized physical therapy services to students in accordance with their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
- Implement therapeutic exercises and interventions to improve mobility, strength, balance, coordination, and motor development.
- Collaborate with teachers, therapists, and other staff to support student participation in classroom and school activities.
- Provide recommendations for adaptive equipment, positioning, and mobility supports.
- Maintain accurate documentation, progress notes, and required reports in compliance with school and regulatory guidelines.
- Communicate regularly with staff and families regarding student progress and therapy goals.
- Participate in IEP meetings and multidisciplinary team discussions as needed.
- Uphold the mission and values of St. Joseph Center for Special Learning.

Additional Conditions of Employment:

- Maintain confidentiality and uphold professional standards in accordance with school policies.
- Attend required staff training sessions and meetings as needed.

Educational Qualifications:

- Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) or Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from an accredited program.
- Current Pennsylvania Physical Therapy license required.
- Experience working with children or individuals with developmental disabilities preferred.

Other Qualifications:

- Compassionate and patient with a commitment to serving students with special needs.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary team.
- Must pass all required background checks and training requirements before employment.

Physical Demands:

- Frequent standing, walking, bending, and assisting students during therapy activities.
- Ability to demonstrate exercises and assist students with positioning or mobility when needed.
- Must be able to physically engage in therapy sessions and school activities.

Supervisor: Bob Giba

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