



Children's TherAplay

The Children's TherAplay Foundation, Inc.

Job Description – PRN Pediatric Occupational Therapist (Maternity Leave)

TITLE:	PRN Pediatric Occupational Therapist
STATUS:	PRN, per diem for Maternity Leave
EMPLOYMENT TYPE:	Hourly Contract
REPORTS TO:	Director of Therapy Services
GENERAL FUNCTION:	The PRN Occupational Therapist is responsible for evaluating, treating and discharging assigned patients as appropriate and per established policies and procedures; ensuring effective development and application of occupational therapy programs and treatment procedures; ensuring optimal assigned patient scheduling and wait list management, satisfaction and appropriate insurance billing and coding.
REQUIRED EXPERIENCE:	The candidate must have a current or pending IN state professional license in Occupational Therapy. Pediatric experience is preferred, but not required.
REQUIRED EDUCATION:	Bachelors or Master of Occupational Therapy degree from an Occupational Therapy accredited program.
CERTIFICATIONS:	Maintain current Indiana Occupational Therapy license and CPR/First Aid Certification; maintain professional malpractice insurance – minimum level: \$1,000,000 each occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AT CHILDREN'S THERAPLAY:

- The PRN OT position works closely with our physical and speech therapists to ensure quality outcomes. Each session consists of time spent in our newly remodeled clinic as well as time spent utilizing the movement of the horse as a treatment tool. Additionally, we utilize animal assisted interventions such as grooming and head leading the miniature horses to target a wide variety of functional goals.
- This full-time position begins on September 4th, 2024, with an end date yet to be determined, subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. The schedule is as follows: Mondays from 9:00am to 6:30pm, Wednesdays from 8:00am to 5:30pm, Thursdays from 8:00am to 4:30pm, and Fridays from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Responsibilities include maintaining a caseload of 31 patients per week and 4 hours of paperwork, totaling 35 hours per week. Cancellations and no-shows will be compensated.
- There is an opportunity to transition to a permanent part-time position, working two days per week, after completing the maternity leave coverage.
- You will be part of a collaborative team that continuously strives to improve our skills and education. Monthly you will be provided with a two-hour team meeting receiving education and round tables to discuss complex cases.
- Ongoing, intentional efforts are being made to ensure we are a diverse, inclusive, and equitable workplace where everyone belongs through third party collaborations and internal efforts.

YOU'LL SUCCEED HERE IF:

- You enjoy working in a non-traditional setting where you can implement creative therapeutic interventions to improve functional outcomes.
- Take pleasure in being part of events at TherAplay and community outreach.
- You seek learning and the opportunity to continuously improve clinical skills.
- You thrive in a fast-paced environment.
- You are adaptable to change.
- You do well working closely with a collaborative team on a daily basis.

ESSENTIAL PRIMARY DUTIES OF AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST:

- Evaluate, treat, and discharge assigned patients as appropriate.
- Maintain timely and quality patient documentation in accordance with TherAplay's best practices, including proper recording of patient prognosis, treatment, response and progress.
- Confer with the entire care team to plan and implement effective care plans.
- Always maintain patient confidentiality, conforming to HIPAA privacy regulations.
- Other duties as assigned.

PREREQUISITE SKILLS:

- Knowledge of Medicaid and private insurance plans.
- Familiarity with a variety of diagnoses (i.e., Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Rare Genetic Disorders, Sensory Processing Disorders, etc.).
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a multi-disciplinary team (ST & PT).
- Basic computer literacy.
- Ability to comply with all regulatory standards.
- Must have working knowledge of the rehabilitation field and therapy professions.
- Ability to effectively provide customer service to all customers and contacts.
- Ability to communicate openly, honestly, directly, and effectively with all customers by both written and verbal skills.
- Ability to incorporate a basic understanding of human behaviors, developmental needs, physical needs, emotional needs, and comfort during all interactions.
- American Hippotherapy Association Level I and Level II preferred but not required.

PHYSICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to lift 50 pounds overhead.
- Ability to walk up to 10 miles per day.
- Ability to work around horses.
- Ability to sustain frequent: standing, walking, bending (forward and sideways), grasping, twisting at the waist, squatting, kneeling

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Located in Carmel, IN, Children's TherAplay provides physical, occupational and speech therapies using equine movement as a treatment tool for children with disabilities and/or unique needs. For over 22 years, TherAplay has been treating kids 18 months to 13 years with a variety of diagnosis and developmental delays and we have grown to become the largest facility specializing in hippotherapy in the country.

The horse can provide a therapeutic input that cannot be replicated in any other type of therapy. These inputs have allowed our clients to see transformational outcomes, such as children with mobility limitations taking first steps, non-verbal children saying their first words, children learning to feed themselves independently, and dress and care for themselves more independently. The list goes on.

TherAplay is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are committed to the inclusion of and full participation by all people in the achievement of our mission.

Would you like to learn more about how you can use your skills to impact an extraordinary mission? We would love to hear from you! Please submit a cover letter, resume and three references to the Director of Therapy Services, Carah Sullenbarger at csullenbarger@childrenstheraplay.org.

