

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

JOB CODE:

LOCATION: Tioga County Department of Public Health

CLASSIFICATION: Competitive

SALARY:

ADOPTED:

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for diagnosing, evaluating and treating the speech, language, voice and feeding disorders of children aged birth to five years. General supervision is received from the Public Health Director or designee and the Tioga County Early Intervention Official (EIO) with leeway permitted for exercising independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

- Provides treatment of speech (articulation, fluency, voice); language (Phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics); and oral and pharyngeal related function disorders (disorders relating to swallowing and feeding);
- Evaluates a client's cognitive and social aspects of communication including challenging behavior, ineffective social skills, and/or lack of communication opportunities;
- Develops and implements appropriate treatment plans, dispenses corrective devices or systems, and maintains treatment outcomes;
- Performs ongoing assessment to evaluate the effectiveness of practices and modifies services accordingly;
- Prepares written reports including diagnosis of speech and language disorders, progress reports and discharge summaries;
- Attends interdisciplinary meetings and coordinates service plans with other case providers;
- Participates in community outreach, education activities and conducts in-service training to increase public awareness of speech and language issues, treatment options and prevention;
- Assists in developing and coordinating case related in-service training;
- Participates in regional and local professional meetings and conferences to keep abreast of and coordinate health care developments and services.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the principles of speech and language pathology; thorough knowledge of augmentative communication and feeding devices or systems; good knowledge of Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations regarding the Early Intervention and Pre-School Special Education programs; ability to communicate with and educate patients and their families; ability to assess and evaluate speech and language disorders in children ages birth to school age; ability to plan, develop, implement and evaluate educational programs, including the development and delivery of presentations; ability to organize and maintain accurate records and files; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to understand and empathize with the needs and concerns of others; ability to plan and schedule workload to maximize capacity; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Licensure and current registration to practice as a Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist and certificate of Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Impaired in accordance with § 159 of the NYS Education Law AND one (1) year of experience in speech language pathology, involving work with children ages birth to five years of age.

Special Requirements:

- Possession of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle will be required at time of appointment and continuously during employment to perform essential duties occurring during the normal course of work;
- Must be available in the event of a public health emergency.