

# Level 1 Autism Support Specialist

## Job description

We are expanding our team, and searching for an individual who enjoys playing with children in a 1:1 setting, is passionate about individuals with autism and social challenges, and is dedicated to supporting the mission of Empowering Kids! This person will provide individualized care, developmental, behavioral and/or relational intervention to clients with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or related conditions using the DIR Floortime method.

## Qualifications

Have either:

- At least 2,000 hours of clinical experience and/or training in the examination and/or treatment of people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or a related condition
- Completed the equivalent in graduate-level coursework at an accredited university (see equivalent coursework section)

**Note:** Coursework must be documented in one or more of the following areas: ASD or related condition diagnostics, ASD or related condition treatment strategies or child development.

In addition, a person must meet **at least one of the following requirements:**

1. Have a doctoral or master's degree from an accredited college or university in behavioral health, child development or related fields (e.g., mental health, special education, social work, psychology, speech pathology, occupational therapy, health science, education, sociology, nursing, human services, counseling, family studies)
2. Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in behavioral health, child development or a related field (e.g., mental health, special education, social work, psychology, speech pathology, occupational therapy, health science, education, sociology, nursing, human services, counseling, family studies) and

advanced certification in one of the DHS-recognized treatment modalities (see advanced certification section and EIDBI – Treatment modalities)

3. Enroll as a level I provider under the provider shortage variance if they meet all of the following requirements:

- Have completed or are currently enrolled in a master's degree program at an accredited college or university in one of the behavioral or child-development sciences or a related field (e.g., mental health, special education, social work, psychology, speech pathology, occupational therapy, health science, education, sociology, nursing, human services, counseling, family studies)
- Receive observation and direction from a qualified supervising professional (QSP) at least once per month until meeting 2,000 hours of supervised clinical experience.

### **Job Duties**

- **This position requires someone who likes to play, is flexible, has the ability to plan a variety of activities, and is willing to work with energetic children of all ages. Playing on the floor, art projects, cooking, playing games, bouncing on a trampoline, gardening, swimming, riding bikes, climbing slides, and jumping in the foam pit are common activities that might take place in a 4-6 hour therapy session.**
- Provide evidence-based interventions (DIR-Floortime Therapy) to individuals with autism and ADHD in individual and group format as needed.
- Assists with the creation and implementation of the individualized treatment plans as needed.
- Comply with related federal and state regulations, as well as departmental policies and procedures.
- Provide client centered care in a variety of settings such as; clinic office, home, schools, and community settings to develop client centered service plans as needed.
- Collaborate/consult with other service providers connected with EIDBI clients.
- Participate in community outreach and public relations activities.
- Work on an interdisciplinary team of other specialists to provide comprehensive care.
- Maintain up-to-date client case files through documentation and notes
- Document and submit all continuing education units.
- Participate in quality assurance activities such as continual supervision

- Maintain billable hours and billing procedures consistent with program expectation
- Other duties as assigned

**Other requirements:**

- Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate valid Minnesota Driver's License
- Pass a criminal background check

**Physical & Environmental Demands:**

- **Frequent walking, running, jumping, playing on the floor, swimming, etc...**
- Work is performed in a center or school setting.
- Frequent talking and listening.
- Frequent high stress work environment.
- Some exposure to high risk situations.
- Occasional lifting of twenty (20) pounds or more.
- Occasional driving in inclement weather.

**Trainings and Certifications:**

We will provide time and funding for hired specialists to complete the following trainings:

- DIR Floortime 101
- ASD Strategies in Action
- EIDBI 101
- Multicultural Competence Training
- CPR and First Aid
- Other training as required

Job Types: Full-time, Part-time, Internship

Salary: From \$25.00 per hour

Benefits:

- 401(k)
- 401(k) matching
- Dental insurance
- Employee assistance program
- Flexible schedule
- Health insurance

- Health savings account
- Life insurance
- Paid time off
- Vision insurance

Schedule:

- 8 hour shift
- Monday to Friday

Work Location: In person