

School Nurse

The Home for Little Wanderers is seeking a driven and caring Nurse, RN to join their amazing team in Walpole at Clifford Academy, our Massachusetts Chapter 766 Special Education School. The Home is the nation's oldest child welfare agency and makes a positive difference in lives throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

Be a part of a growing organization with a 220 year history, and help us create our future!

Position Description

Under the direction of the Director of Nursing and Program Director, the Registered Nurse will provide nursing care and manage the ongoing health care of residential and/or day students in assigned program(s). The School Nurse will ideally have experience with DESE regulations and have experience working with similar populations.

Essential Functions

- Develop an individualized health services plan using a collaborative, wellness focused approach. Monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the plan.
- In collaboration with the Administrative Team, develop and ensure implementation of a comprehensive health/wellness component to program planning, including environmental, nutritional, exercise and fitness
- Oversee all aspects of the administration of medications, including the direct administration, training and supervision of licensed and unlicensed staff designated to administer medications, and the preparation of leave of absence medications. Assure compliance with all regulatory guidelines. May be asked to serve as a MAP Certified Trainer.
- Oversee the nursing assessment and ongoing evaluation of clients including vital signs and anthropometric measurements, as prescribed. Assist in making decisions regarding the course of treatment (i.e. whether to exclude a child from classes or take a child to the emergency room), and monitoring the effectiveness, side effects, adverse reactions, and drug interactions of all medications.
- Monitor laboratory reports and initiate appropriate action
- Oversee the coordination of medical, diagnostic and laboratory appointments. Conduct annual health screening procedures and assure that all immunizations are current. Assure compliance with all regulatory guidelines.
- Coordinate the delivery of health care with ancillary staff, family members, guardians, psychiatrists, primary and specialty health care providers, and other professionals within the Home and with external organizations. Maintain on-going communications with primary health care provider.
- May be required to administer medication outside of role of Nurse Monitor, including insulin and/or other injectable medications, under nursing license.

- Work actively as part of an interdisciplinary team to provide quality care, attend team meetings and conferences, and communicate regularly with team members
- Complete reports and documentation needed for client records, the Home and collateral and regulatory agencies
- Provide and coordinate health education for clients and families and training for staff
- Assure that all medication and medical supplies are ordered, received and checked for accuracy, monitor supply budget
- May be required to carry a mobile device
- Perform other duties as assigned

Education and Experience

- Equivalent of three years pediatric and/or psychiatric nursing experience and Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing
- Certified in CPR and Standard First Aid
- Computer literate including Microsoft Office and Internet Explorer with the ability to learn new software applications

Physical Requirements

Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing. Ability to follow instructions. Ability to restrain clients in an emergency situation.

* The above is intended to describe the general content and requirements of work being performed by people assigned to this classification. It is not intended to be an exhaustive statement of all duties, responsibilities, or skills required of personnel so classified.

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