



Delta Gamma Center for Children
with Visual Impairments

Facilitator – Group Recreation and Developmental Support Program

POSITION SUMMARY

The GRADS Facilitator is responsible for planning and facilitating monthly group activities for school-age children with visual impairments, some of whom have other disabilities. The goals of the GRADS program are to:

- Foster the development of social skills and independence through fun and challenging activities
- Enrich participants' lives through practical experiences that build listening skills, coordination, spatial awareness, self-expression, and self-esteem
- Motivate participants to challenge themselves and become an active member of the community

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provides a safe, fun, and challenging learning environment in which participants can build social skills and friendships, become more independent, and participate in community activities
- Develops and monitors individual learning goals for each participant
- Creates and maintains written lesson plans in collaboration with program staff using the curriculum framework provided ensuring adaptations are made to enable full participation of all group members
- Provides oral and written reports of participant progress updates to parents, team members and management including maintaining client files in compliance with DGCkids requirements
- Maintains a classroom environment which allows for effective communication and monitoring of participation and achievement of individual goals
- Assists with planning and chaperoning for the annual winter and summer challenge trips
- Communicates regularly with parents/guardians of participants, providing notification of activities and progress on individual goals
- Assists in the evaluation of group activities to improve and expand programming
- Coordinates and supervises volunteer assistance for participants during activities, including communication of planned activities and providing guidance on working with each participant
- Other related tasks as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

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- Bachelor's Degree in Education, Social Work, Recreational Therapy or a related field or comparable work experience, certification as a Teacher of the Visually Impaired or Orientation and Mobility Specialist is a plus
- Experience working with children with visual impairments or other disabilities and competence in classroom management is preferred
- Must be creative and have a passion for engaging children in a variety of recreation, art, fitness, educational, and other activities
- Possess strong interpersonal and communication skills with children of all ages, families from diverse backgrounds, and other professionals
- Capable of meeting deadlines and seeking supervisory consultation when necessary
- Able to organize effectively, function independently, and collaborate as part of a team

REPORTS TO

Director of Group Recreation and Developmental Support

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Part-time averaging 20 hours per month with primarily evening and weekend hours
- Location for classes and rehearsals is typically at DGCKids which offers accessible equipment and classroom space
- Depending on education and experience, may need to complete training related to working with children with visual impairments and other disabilities provided by DGCKids
- Background check, drug screen and health certification completed upon offer of employment
- Must be physically able to lift or move 30-50 pounds; push/pull and lift equipment and supplies; assist children by bending, crouching, kneeling, sitting in chairs and/or on floor and reaching in all directions; and stand or sit for long periods

THE DELTA GAMMA CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

The mission of the Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments (DGC) is to help children who are blind or visually impaired reach their full potential through family-centered, specialized services and community support. DGC is a private nonprofit organization located in Richmond Heights, in the central corridor of St. Louis, Missouri, serving families within a 50-mile radius in Missouri and Illinois.

Founded in 1951, DGC provides comprehensive home and community-based early intervention services for children from birth to three years of age and their families. Our teachers and therapists address the complex needs of our clients through a team-based, holistic approach.

In addition to early intervention services, families of children of all ages find reassurance and valuable resources through individual and group family support services. Children ages three

through high school participate in our group recreation and developmental support program, designed to develop social and independence skills and participation in community activities.

DGC also provides vision screening services throughout the service area to infants and preschoolers for early detection of vision issues as well as community engagement initiatives directed as increasing acceptance, inclusion and accessibility.

Learn more at www.dgckids.org.

To apply, email a resume and cover letter to employment@dgckids.org.