



Delta Gamma Center for Children
with Visual Impairments

Teacher of the Visually Impaired

POSITION SUMMARY

TVIs at DGCKids support the learning and development of infants and toddlers (primarily birth to three years old) who are blind or visually impaired and their families. Our early intervention service model is family-centered and involves a holistic, multidisciplinary team approach to bringing critical resources to children, their families, and caregivers during the early years of development.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conducts functional vision assessments and administers developmental assessments as needed
- Develops and monitors child and family developmental and learning goals and objectives
- Plans, develops and implements individualized vision and developmental services to children in the home, at DGCKids and in the community
- Works closely with parents and team members to assure high quality and coordinated service delivery
- Supports parents and other professionals in understanding the child's visual impairment and its effect on the child's development and provides resources on how to work with children who are blind or have low vision
- Plans and facilitates group child and parent workshops and activities as needed
- Provides oral and written reports of assessments, treatments, and progress updates to parents, team members and management including maintaining client files in compliance with DGCKids requirements
- Stays current on best practices, evidence-based interventions, emerging trends and technologies by reviewing professional journals and research, participating in professional associations, and/or attending workshops and conferences
- Other duties as assigned such as assisting with other DGCKids activities for families and older children, special events, etc.

QUALIFICATIONS

Valid Missouri or Illinois teacher of the visually impaired certification (or able to acquire before starting)

- Certification in orientation and mobility (O&M) is a plus
- Possess strong interpersonal and communication skills with children and families from diverse backgrounds and other professionals

- Capable of meeting deadlines and seeking supervisory consultation when necessary
- Ability to organize effectively, function independently, and collaborate as part of a team
- Demonstrate flexibility in scheduling to meet needs of families and program
- Ability and willingness to travel independently to provide home and community-based services as assigned
- Experience working with young children (0-5) with visual impairments and/or related experience in a family-centered home or community-based setting is a plus

REPORTS TO

Director of Early Intervention Services

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Full-time (37.5 hour work week) preferred, willing to consider part-time
- Must have a car and maintain a valid driver's license, auto insurance and acceptable driving record to meet travel requirements of service area
- Must complete continuing education and maintain required certifications
- 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, sit or drive for long periods

BENEFITS

DGCKids is an equal opportunity employer and offers benefits (according to employment classification), including:

- Medical, dental and life insurance
- Defined contribution pension & tax-deferred annuity plans
- Paid time off: vacation, sick leave, personal time, holidays, winter (one week) and summer (one week) breaks
- Professional development opportunities: educational reimbursement, conferences and trainings
- Mileage reimbursement

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 at increasing acceptance, inclusion and accessibility.

Learn more at www.dgckids.org.

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