



PART-TIME/HOURLY POSITION DESCRIPTION (10hr/week minimum; additional hours based on client load)

DEPARTMENT: Connection/Care and Counseling TITLE: Clinical Play Therapist

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND PREDOMINANT TASKS

To provide ethical, professional therapy utilizing an integrated approach combining a biblical worldview with evidence-based clinical treatment methods. This role serves as part of Grace Counseling Services, following the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC) Code of Ethics, and as part of our unique Grace Community Church culture.

A clinician who is responsible, caring, dedicated, and called by God to fill the play therapist role that will serve ages 3-12 years old in our Grace Counseling Services department. The applicant needs a 60-hour Master's degree with a Pennsylvania license. A desire to work with children and training in play therapy is required.

The Child Therapist will work with children by using fun interventions as a communication tool to assist the young client to better understand their world, help them deal with emotional distress and behavioral challenges, and/or to process trauma. This specialized therapist will help children and their families work through many difficult life issues and experiences, such as (but not limited to):

- Divorce and family separations
- Bereavement
- Learning difficulties
- Psychological problems
- Traumatic experiences and violence
- Problems regulating emotions and behavior

Job Responsibilities

- Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy
- Behavioral interventions
- Data collection and analysis
- Play therapy interventions and models of therapy aimed for children ages 3 to 12 years old

- Participate in the development and implementation of the individual support plan
- Ensure the safety and well-being of the individuals.
- Assist and encourage children to be successful in their home, school, and community
- Maintain various records regarding individuals

Required Skills and Knowledge

- Master's degree from an accredited college or university in a mental health field (MFT, LPC, LSW)
- Experience, Training, and Passion for working with children.
- PA License is required

Therapists play a critical and essential role in providing quality support services for children, which includes activities such as helping a child manage their emotions and behavior, and work through daily routines. The candidate must be compassionate, motivated to help children, be a quick learner, and dedicated to providing quality support. Will need FBI, Child Abuse, and State Police Clearances

Other Qualifications

Required:

- Personable, compassionate, and empathetic personality
- Ability to see clients during weekday or evening GCS posted hours is required
- Will be trained and equipped to use Simple Practice for managing clients
- Ability to attend weekly staff meetings is required

Preferred:

- Trained in and experience utilizing EMDR therapy

ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Clinical Therapist will report to the Care Pastor at Grace Community Church and be a part of the Connections/Care and Counseling team. This individual is an integral part of our overall staff and will also work with other members of the staff for any all-staff functions, and participate in weekly all-staff and individual team meetings

NATURE OF POSITION

Noted above

BACKGROUND

A personal and growing relationship with Jesus Christ and a strong desire to live out the Good News of Jesus Christ to the community is required. Moreover, truly being excited

about being a part of what God's doing here at Grace, and "buy-in" to the overall Grace culture is a non-negotiable.

Confidentiality for those who are arriving for counseling, let alone any stories or information clients would choose to share with this individual must remain in strict confidence.