

Job Title: Registered Occupational Therapist (OTR)
Reports to: Julie Martin – Executive Program Director

Job Description: The occupational therapist is responsible for evaluation, creation and implementation of therapy plans, accurate and reliable data collection, consultation and training with family. The occupational therapist will collaborate with other occupational therapist, speech therapist, staff members and behavior therapist to create and maintain therapy plans that address sensory processing, attention, fine motor, self-help and adaptive play and leisure skills. Facilitate skills that support the individual in development of functional and social language, communication and interpersonal relationship skills.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conduct initial evaluation to determine appropriate programming, frequency and therapy plan.
- Maintain a comprehensive therapy plan for each client: long range goals, short range objectives, activities related to these objectives and an evaluation of progress toward these objectives.
- Must be willing to participate in Early Intervention therapy in the home setting.
- Collaborate and communicate with relevant By Your Side staff to ensure effective and efficient implementation of therapy plans.
- Participate as an active member of behavior response team.
- Consult and plan with the client's family concerning individual's progress and ongoing changes of therapy plans
- Evaluate and prepare required reports as dictated by insurance parties or per request from parents/guardians.
- Participate in monthly training and staff meetings at By Your Side .
- Arrange parent/therapist meetings when appropriate to maintain communication and training with the family.
- Attend recommended professional meetings and seminars to meet continuing education requirements as approved by the By Your Side executive staff.
- Maintain current Illinois license and necessary continuing education.
- Adhere to the ethical standards of the profession – IOTA and AOTA guidelines.
- Provide input and assist in the ongoing growth and development of the By Your Side programming.
- Willing to supervise support personnel/COTAs and interns when necessary

PREFERRED EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

1. Licensed in the State of Illinois as an Occupational Therapist.
2. Bachelor's or Masters degree in Occupational Therapy.
4. Excellent communication and writing skills.
5. Consulting skills.
6. Ability to interact in a positive and collegial manner with fellow staff members and families and clients.
7. Flexibility and dependability.
8. Organizational skills.
9. Behavior management skills.
10. High degree of interest in working with students with autism.

Competitive salary and benefits package