



Arizona Autism United

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Job Description: Autism Interventionist (Direct Support Staff)

Autism Interventionists provide one-on-one care in the home or community setting of the persons served. Services include Habilitation and Respite. Autism Interventionists report to the person served or family or representative, or supervisor.

Responsibilities:

Habilitation

- Administer interventions designed to develop and enhance life skills of persons served in a manner that increases or maintains self-esteem, mutual respect, value and dignity while meeting their personal, physical and social goals, and maintaining their health and safety.
- Accurate and timely submittal of paperwork including: data summary reports, timesheets and incident reports, changes of employment information (i.e. contact information, etc.).
- Maintaining required certifications including CPR, First Aid, and Article 9.
- Provide assistance to supervisory staff in the development of service programs, such as identifying strengths and needs and participating in the goal development process.
- Arriving on-time and for entire duration of scheduled appointments.
- Maintain open and good communication with family and AZA United administration.

Respite

- Provide short-term care and supervision to provide relief for primary caregivers.
- Provide for the social, emotional, and physical needs of the individual served.
- Ensure provision of food to meet daily dietary needs, including therapeutic diet if prescribed.
- Accurate and timely submittal of paperwork including: timesheets, incident reports, and changes of employment information (i.e. contact information, etc.).
- Maintaining required certifications including CPR, First Aid, and Article 9.
- Arriving on-time and for entire duration of scheduled appointments.
- Maintain open and good communication with family and AZA United administration.

Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age
- 6 months of experience in child care or caring for others
- Pass criminal history check and fingerprint clearance
- Sufficient reading, writing and oral communication skills
- Adept at listening to and interpreting needs of child & family
- Successfully complete required training and certifications (e.g., CPR, First Aid, Article 9)

Critical Functions may include but are not necessarily limited to:

- Be able to lift 25 – 50 lbs
- Being able to run short distances, sitting on the floor, bending down, squatting & kneeling
- Have reliable transportation
- Administer physical and verbal prompting techniques to increase child's overall skills & abilities
- Respond appropriately to child's behaviors and verbalizations to improve behavior and maximize independent functioning

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