

# **TITLE: Direct Support Professional**

#### **Description of Work:**

Provide direct care services to the clients including assisting in maintaining a clean, safe living environment, meal preparation and supervising, training and assisting the clients in every aspect of their life.

Work at this level is categorized as entry or direct support services.

## Responsibilities:

The Program Director directly supervises this position.

## **Examples of Duties Performed:**

- Provide an atmosphere that will stimulate resident's development of self-confidence and self-worth.
  - Maintain a clean, safe, and well-maintained environment in the resident living areas and staff areas.
  - Oversee resident domestic responsibilities, educating and assisting them as needed to promote self-worth.
  - Verbally communicate with residents in a supportive and positive fashion throughout daily interactions.
  - o Assist residents as needed for appropriate hygiene.
- Be responsible as a Direct Support Professional on duty for residents including program development, daily goal work, and proper documentation.
  - Discuss and provide skill-building techniques for issues concerning the residents as they occur.
  - Assist residents in completing designated goals and objectives as outlined in the resident's individual care plans and reviews.
  - Be involved in providing services as CSSP documentation has identified with implementation of Supports to assist with individuals chosen Outcomes.
- Be active with residents at all appropriate times, stimulating positive social interactions.
  - To act as an appropriate role model for residents and staff
  - Assist residents and staff in implementing recreational and programmatic aspects of scheduled shifts.
- Provide education and assistance to residents in managing resident's personal funds.
  - Assist residents in filling out any needed form for application for M.A., S.S.I.,
    G.A. or requested assistance forms.
  - Assist with resident's personal funds so to meet personal needs on a monthly or weekly basis.
  - Assist with residents developing a plan pay or defer any previous bills being billed for.

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- Complete daily, weekly, quarterly and annual documentation for all residents.
  - o Complete daily logs, medication charts, accident/incident reports and fire drills.
  - o Complete all programming documentation for all residents.
- Provide a positive, supportive atmosphere toward residents and other staff.
  - Maintain a clean, safe and well maintained environment in resident living and staff areas.
  - Oversee resident domestic responsibilities, educating and assisting them as needed to promote self-worth.
- Maintain open and honest communication with the Program Director and other staff, promoting the concepts of teamwork and support.
  - o Keep Program Director informed of all significant resident issues.
  - Communicate resident needs, program and household information via staff communication notes.
- Demonstrate, uphold and support the policies, procedures and philosophy of this facility and organization.
  - o Understand and utilize the Policy and Procedure Manual on an ongoing basis.
  - o To follow all the procedures listed in the policy handbook.
- Participate in all training necessary to staff in this position as specified by policy and the Program Director.
  - o Attend all scheduled staff meetings and mandatory trainings.
  - Attend and participate in total number of required training hours per year (see policy manual).

Performs related work as required, including the potential for on-call responsibilities

#### Knowledges, Skills and Abilities:

- Demonstrated written, oral, and computer skills.
- Sensitivity to the needs of persons with disabilities.
- Ability and willingness to work cooperatively with others.

#### **Minimum Education and Experience:**

- 18 years of age or older
- Must possess a High School Diploma or Equivalent

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this document.	
Date of Hire	First Date of Direct Contact
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