

# Relief Nursery Inc. Licensed Therapist - Therapeutic Early Childhood Program Job Description

FTE: 1.0 FTE (40 hours/week)

Starting salary range: \$68,000 - \$72,000

Supervised by: Mental Health Program Manager

Location: Eugene / Springfield

#### Overview

The mission of the Relief Nursery is to prevent the cycle of child abuse and neglect through early intervention that focuses on building successful and resilient children and strengthening parents. Our staff work as a team to provide a unique array of comprehensive family support services from therapeutic classrooms to substance use disorder recovery support, that are easily accessible to parents with children birth to six years of age who are at high risk for abuse or neglect. At the core of the Relief Nursery is the belief in focusing on, and building upon, the strength of each family we serve.

We are currently hiring for a Licensed Therapist to help support this mission. This position provides therapeutic support and skill development to children in an early childhood classroom setting, as well as family therapy, basic needs support and case coordination. We welcome applicants of diverse backgrounds and strive to hire individuals interested in the unique, challenging, and rewarding career opportunities that help support this mission.

#### Responsibilities

- 1. Provide emotional, social, and behavioral support during all classroom hours using Positive Behavioral Support Interventions, and attachment-based, relational engagement with children to promote healthy social-emotional development
- 2. Keep young children safe in accordance with Relief Nursery standards and applicable laws and regulations
- 3. Conduct family, group, and individual therapy with young children
- 4. Conduct comprehensive mental health assessments
- 5. Develop treatment plans with age appropriate goals and measurable objectives based on children's assessments
- 6. Write progress notes and other required documentation to maintain client files in accordance with applicable Relief Nursery standards and the OARs
- 7. Collaborate with relevant teams in implementing services for children and families
- 8. Coordinate services with team members in order to best support the goals and objectives specified on the child's IFSP (Special Education), and ISSP (Mental Health)
- 9. Support data collection and documentation on progress toward goals
- 10. Maintain all required documentation and paperwork in accordance with Relief Nursery and other relevant standards
- 11. Collaborate with teams in classroom curriculum planning and implementation
- 12. Conduct home visits, phone calls, and other interactions with families
- 13. Assist with child/family orientation to Relief Nursery programs and services



- 14. Participate in designated team and all staff meetings, training, supervision and Relief Nursery special events both during the day and periodically in the evenings
- 15. Maintain CEU's and other educational requirement of the position
- 16. Act in accordance with responsibilities and protocols set forth in Oregon Child Abuse Reporting laws and Relief Nursery policy
- 17. Perform other relevant duties as assigned

## **Minimum Requirements**

- 1. Licensed Clinical Social Worker or other clinical licensure with the desire to support families using a holistic and team-based approach
- 2. Bilingual in English and Spanish
- 3. Knowledge of and lived experience with Latinx families and culture
- 4. Experience supporting children and families experiencing poverty, stress, and other barriers
- 5. Experience working in an early childhood setting supporting children with social, emotional and behavioral challenges
- 6. Demonstrated ability to work as a team member, understand developmentally appropriate early childhood practices, and child guidance techniques consistent with a therapeutic approach
- 7. Experience and training in conducting family, group, and individual therapy and skills training with young children
- 8. Experience conducting comprehensive mental health assessments and knowledgeable application of DSM diagnosis
- 9. Experience developing treatment plans with age appropriate goals and measurable objectives based on the assessment
- 10. Knowledgeable in writing progress notes and other required documentation to maintain client files in accordance with applicable Relief Nursery standards and the OARs
- 11. Excellent communication skills and an ability to support people who are under stress
- 12. Ability to work effectively and respectfully with a diverse population
- 13. Proficient in computer use
- 14. Good physical stamina with the ability to lift and interact with children by bending, kneeling, sitting at child-sized tables and chairs, and on the floor
- 15. Ability to write professionally
- 16. Current valid driver's license with acceptable driving record/insurance coverage
- 17. Current Pediatric First Aid/CPR and Food Handler's cards
- 18. Successful completion of a criminal history records check as specified by Oregon law

### **Annual Benefits for Employees**

Relief Nursery employees enjoy the benefit of working for an organization that makes the world a safer and better place. A flexible work schedule and the benefits listed below round out the generous benefit package offered.

- Competitive Wage
- Medical Coverage (very low employee cost)



- Dental Coverage (very low employee cost)
- Flexible Spending Account available
- 403(b) retirement plan with employer match
- Mileage reimbursement
- Paid Jury Duty time
- 64 hours of paid sick leave per year, up to 128 hours of accumulated sick leave
- 5 weeks of paid vacation leave per year for a total of 200 hours
- 2 paid personal days per year (add 1 additional day per each 5 years worked)
- Paid Holidays: Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after

Interested applicants, please email resume and cover letter to: Lindsey Steele, Director of Administration & Human Resources at <a href="mailto:lindset@reliefnursery.org">lindset@reliefnursery.org</a>.

Pre-employment DMV check, drug screen and criminal background check required. Position will remain open until filled.

**Relief Nursery is an Equal Opportunity Employer**