



PEDIATRIC OUTPATIENT PSYCHOLOGIST

Position Purpose:

The ***Pediatric Psychologist*** is a professional who participates in the outpatient therapy of patients in the Feeding Program, advises colleagues on appropriate behavioral interventions, and provides individual and/or family treatment to Feeding Program outpatients as needed.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Participates as an interdisciplinary team member to develop a plan of care that is comprehensive and services that are integrated.
2. Provides team education related to patient's condition, especially with respect to cognitive, social-emotional and behavioral needs.
3. Serves as resource to staff members for support in dealing with challenging patients' and families' needs or behaviors.
4. Provides treatment related to feeding issues for patients/families.
5. Facilitates communication between patient/family and treatment team and seeks resolution of any issues impacting care.
6. Attends program meetings and in-services. Attends monthly rehab meetings.

Customers Served:

The Program is designed to treat children, typically infants to toddler ages, and establish age appropriate eating patterns that have not yet been established in the home environment. Position works with feeding therapists, family members and program colleagues to achieve the desired outcomes.

Qualifications:

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities: Must be knowledgeable regarding normal and abnormal social, emotional, and behavioral development. Must be familiar with principles of family dynamics and counseling families who are having difficulty coping with their child's complex medical and/or psychological conditions. Must have knowledge of parenting approaches and child behavior management techniques. Must have knowledge and expertise in interventions for Pediatric feeding disorders. Must have knowledge of research related to patient population, and ability to carry out clinical research.

Education and/or Experience: A Doctoral Degree in clinical psychology, counseling psychology or with specialization in Pediatric populations. Completion of APA approved graduate training and internship programs. CPR certification required.

Licensure: Licensed as Clinical Psychologist in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Physical Requirements:

- Regular and predictable attendance on site.
- Must have ability to see near and far on a continuous basis
- Must have ability to verbally communicate, ability to understand and process auditory information.
- Frequent lifting and carrying of objects in the 10 to 35 pound range, pushing or pulling objects that weight greater than 35 pounds.
- Frequent fine hand manipulation and pinching finger movements; frequent bending
- Continuous prolonged standing and/or walking.
- Occasional kneeling, squatting, and twisting; occasional reaching overhead.
- Occasional contact with water or liquids.