

Recreation Therapist

Job Status: 21 hours per week (with possibility to grow hours)

Wage: \$22.89, plus inclusion in HOOPP Pension Plan

Reports To: Team Leader

Hours of Work: To be discussed

Job Location: Owen Sound, with travel throughout Grey-Bruce

Description

- Develop and conduct group and individual recreation therapy programs for individuals with dementia in order to provide activation and respite. This will be developed and managed to complement current programs for individuals with dementia offered at the Alzheimer Society
- Provide education for families, staff, and the general public regarding appropriate recreational activities
- Market program to referring agencies, families, and the general public
- Evaluate program at specified intervals

Knowledge/Skills/Abilities:

1. Post-secondary degree or diploma in Recreation Therapy. Other health disciplines may be considered given appropriate combination of education and experience.
2. Knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD).
3. Experience working with persons with dementia and their families.
4. Experience designing recreational programs to support individual needs as well as facilitating group activities.
5. Knowledge of community health care agencies.
6. Current Standard First Aid/CPR certification.
7. Ability to work cooperatively with volunteers, staff, and community partners.
8. Competency with Microsoft Office applications.
9. Valid driver's license, regular access to a vehicle, and verification that the vehicle is insured for work purposes.

* Note that an offer of employment is conditional upon a satisfactory vulnerable sector check.

Responsibilities:

1. Receive referrals to the program from community partners, Alzheimer Society First Link Support Counsellors, families, and individuals with dementia.
2. Develop and maintain a caseload of clients.
3. Complete assessments of potential clients and determine eligibility and appropriateness to the Recreation Therapy program.
4. Develop a treatment plan for clients regarding recreation/activity programming.
5. Conduct in-house and third party site group programs with clients on a weekly basis in order to carry out identified recreation programs as well as provide respite for the caregiver.
6. Provide education to families and/or in-home care providers regarding appropriate activities for the client.
7. Evaluate the effectiveness of the programming for the individual.
8. Provide education to a variety of target groups regarding activation for persons with dementia, which may include making public presentations.
9. Act as a resource for inquiries from the general public regarding recreation/activation.
10. Represent the Alzheimer Society and people affected by dementia on community committees as requested.
11. Market the Recreation Therapy program to health care providers, referring agencies, and the general public.
12. Conduct program evaluation annually and prepare summary for Executive Director prior to end of fiscal year.
13. Complete documentation in client data base as required
14. Maintain program statistics and submit to Executive Director monthly.
15. Contribute to internal and external communications, including the chapter newsletter.
16. Act as preceptor for student placements as requested.
17. Adhere to program standards and Alzheimer Society policies and procedures.
18. Attend Annual General Meeting.
19. Assume responsibility for personal upgrading in knowledge of Alzheimer's disease, and ongoing professional development.
20. Participate in fund raising and other team development activities.
21. Assume other functions as may be assigned by the Executive Director or Team Leader.
22. Bilingualism (English/French) is an asset.

Please send letter of application and resume to:

Alzheimer Society of Grey Bruce

Attention: Stephen Musehl, Executive Director

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Application deadline: April 5th

We thank all who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.