



Ascension

Pediatric Activity Assistant

Ascension St. John Children's Hospital

Location: 22101 Moross Rd Detroit, MI 48236

Ascension St. John Children's Hospital (ASJCH) is hiring a Pediatric Activity Assistant for the Pediatric Playroom. This is a non benefitted, contingent position, with hours varying from 10-20 hours per week. Specific schedule and working days will be determined based on candidate availability.

ASJCH has a general 46 bed inpatient unit, 10 bed Pediatric intensive care unit, Pediatric Ambulatory Surgery Unit and a 14 bed Pediatric Emergency Department, separate from our adult area.

Job Overview

Under the supervision of a Child Life Specialist, an activity assistant will support patients, ages 0-22, the duration of their hospitalization. Activity Assistants are responsible for the daily operation and supervision of the Pediatric Activity Center/Playroom, providing normative play for patients. They will support patients and siblings by providing developmentally appropriate play/recreation and activities within the parameters of the program.

Job Responsibilities:

- Facilitates normalization and positive adjustment of pediatric patients to the hospital experience by introducing and providing a variety of developmentally appropriate play and creative expression opportunities at bedside and in playroom.
- Facilitates and promotes patient participation in special events, holiday activities, etc.
- Provides for the direct supervision of patients, families, and guests in the pediatric playroom at ASJCH, managing behavior and environmental conditions to foster safety and infection control.
- Develops and demonstrates a therapeutic and supportive relationship with patients and families, maintaining appropriate professionalism and boundaries.
- Ensures the safety of patients and all participants during activities, special events, and programs, including transport to and from activities. Complies with all department, hospital, and regulatory agency policies and procedures including emergency procedures, infection control, patient safety, and environmental safety.

Minimum Qualifications:

High School Diploma

Preferred Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree in child development, early childhood education/elementary education, or a related field preferred. Persons pursuing Child Life are desired.

Interested candidates, please email a resume and cover letter to shay.rocco@ascension.org by April 19th, 2024.

Contact our Child Life Specialist for additional questions or information.

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