<u>Program Lead for Therapeutic Preschool Program</u> The Lark Center

for Therapeutic Play and Learning

Norwood, MA

Job Type: Full-Time (35 hours per week)

Pay: \$45,000-\$55,000 (DOE)



The Lark Center is a rapidly growing pediatric therapy practice located in the heart of Norwood, Massachusetts. Our collaborative, multi-disciplinary team includes occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech/language pathologists, social workers, music/art therapists, and educators who are passionate about our mission to bring joyful, accessible and affirming therapy to the individuals and families in our community.

The Lark Center is looking for a program lead for its innovative multidisciplinary MeadowLARK therapeutic play and learning program. The program serves individuals ages 2 through 6 who demonstrate support needs in one or more of our 5 developmental domains (cognitive, social-emotional, communication, motor, and self-help skills.) In this role, you will serve as the organizer and primary point of contact for the children and their families, as well as the clinicians and support staff helping to run the program. Core hours will be between 8:30am and 3:30pm. There will be ample opportunities to collaborate with and learn from a variety of clinical specialists. This position is perfect for someone interested in learning more about special education, related therapeutic services, and/or neurodiversity-affirming multidisciplinary practice.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as the lead facilitator for all sections of the MeadowLARK program (ages 2-6)
- Plan and execute lessons, projects, and activities that address both the child's and the program's goals.
- Maintain organization of materials, timelines, home/school communications, collaboration with colleagues, and documentation as is required for the program.
- Implement and integrate therapeutic interventions throughout each child's day, as recommended and modeled by the program's clinicians.
- Participate in the assessment and progress-monitoring of each participant, as a part of the multidisciplinary team.
- Attend meetings, consultations, and professional development as needed.
- Conduct sessions and communications in a manner that is consistent with the clinic's neurodiversity-affirming, strengths-based, and autonomy-supportive approach to care.

- Arrive 30 minutes before the program's start time in order to prepare materials, spaces, and activities for the day.
- Restore rooms and treatment areas to baseline at the end of each session, including putting away materials, wiping down surfaces, and vacuuming crumbs.
- Provide modeling and supervision for interns and volunteers as needed.
- Ensure safety, dignity, and confidentiality of children and families.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in education, psychology, or related field.
- Master's degree in education, psychology, or related field OR at least 2 years of paid experience working with preschool-aged children.
- Experience and comfort working with autistic and non-speaking children.
- Experience with and understanding of sensory processing is a plus..
- Experience with and/or knowledge of special education and related services is a plus.
- Familiarity with google workspace, and a basic understanding of computers.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a multi-/trans-disciplinary team.
- Ability to communicate effectively in spoken and written English.

Benefits:

- Healthcare, vision, dental
- Life insurance
- Professional development assistance
- Wellness stipend
- Mentorship
- PTO