Position: Camper Care Specialist

Hours: Monday through Friday, Hours range from 7:45am to 5pm (shifts range from 4 to 7 hours)

Rate: = $20.00 to $28.00 an hour, Position is temporary, seasonal, No Benefits and Non-Exempt

Program Description: JCamp at Westside JCC offers camper experiences with chosen specialty tracks within a general day camp setting for campers ages 5 - 12. For summer 2022, JCamp is in session June 13 - August 19, 2022, with six days of staff training during the week of June 5-11, 2022.

Position Description: The Camper Care Specialist is a mental health professional concentrating in children’s behavior and emotional wellbeing. They will report to the Director of Camp and Family Programs. This is a seasonal summer full-time/part-time non-exempt position, with part-time hours before summer session begins. The position dates are part-time with meetings and occasional hours from March 1, 2022, to June 5, 2022 and full-time/part-time from June 5 to August 23, 2022. During the summer session the position includes occasional evening hours.

Responsibilities:
- Participate in all trainings and meetings prior to the beginning of camp, as required by funders and JCamp.
- Serve as leader in JCamp programs, supporting campers, staff, and parents.
- Act as a presence during the camp day by being physically present and involved in daily camp activities to support the daily social and emotional wellbeing of staff and campers.
- Playing a leadership role in the planning and implementation of Staff Training.
- Creating and implementing programming for small groups of campers focused on wellness and social-emotional learning.
- Creating and implementing programs for staff and parents focused on wellness and social-emotional learning.
- Serving as a resource to campers, staff and parents throughout the summer when dealing with mental, emotional, and social health challenges and creating environments where campers can thrive.
- Managing information about camper needs, and communicating those, and to staff. As well as documenting communication and plans within JCamp’s systems.
- Communicating and managing relationships with parents regarding camper needs.
- Preparing reports to funding agencies in relationship to mental emotional and social health of JCamp and its campers.
- Additional responsibilities as required.

Requirements
- Graduate-level or higher degree in a mental health field. Including, but not limited to social work, mental health counseling, psychology, youth psychiatry, family therapy, etc.
- 3-5 years of post-graduate work experience in a related field.
- Prior camp experience in working with young children.
- Exceptional skill and capacity for engagement and relationship building with both children and their parents.
- Ability to connect and guide staff.
- Understanding of Jewish concepts and values as they relate to JCamp.
- Proven ability to plan, originate and organize programs.
- Proven ability to provide emotional support to a wide range of ages.
- Strong understanding of strategies to ensure campers of varying needs can be part of a mainstreamed program.
- Be a leader, self-starter and strong collaborator.
- Ability to accept guidance, constructive feedback and support.

Application Procedures: Interested applicants please email your résumé with a cover letter describing your qualifications to jobs@westsidejcc.org. Please use “Camper Care Specialist” as the subject line.

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