



AUDIOLOGIST, INFANT SPECIALIST

Basic function

To act as Audiologist for the Santa Barbara County Education Office. Responsibilities include performing hearing evaluations on children ages 0-36 months; assisting students with hearing-impairments through hearing amplification and auditory skills; communicating with staff regarding auditory skills, issues and methods and consultation for parents and members of other agencies involved with the students.

Supervision

Directly responsible to a Special Education Coordinator.

Representative duties

- Perform comprehensive audiological evaluations of children ages 0-36 months; administer auditory comprehension tests and prepare appropriate evaluations reports, including input to IFSP teams.
- Refer students for additional testing and evaluations, such as audiologic, communication, educational, psycho-social or medical assessments.
- Serve as a member of staff teams and develop recommendations regarding placement, communication needs, and modification of environment for students with hearing impairments or other auditory ailments.
- Work closely with parents and school personnel in the design and implementation of Individualized Family Service Plans.
- Provide specifications for individual amplification devices; assure proper fit and function of hearing aids and other listening devices.
- Analyze environmental noise and acoustics; present recommendations for improving the listening environment.
- Provide in-service training on hearing, hearing impairments, and implications to school personnel and parents; provide information and instruction in the areas of speech, reading, listening, communication strategies, the use and care of amplification, and the management of hearing needs.
- Instruct parents and school personnel regarding hearing impairment and prevention; interpret assessment results for other school personnel as requested.
- Prepare and maintain a variety of records and reports regarding student audiological evaluations, dates and results of hearing aid inspections, results and recommendations of auditory accommodation as a result of auditory comprehension tests; submit records and reports to appropriate agencies.
- Maintain records and conduct periodic evaluations to review pupil progress, objectives and instructional procedures as needed.
- Operate a variety of specialized audiometric equipment such as an audiometer, hearing aid analyzer, noise makers, impedance bridge, tympanometry, otoscope, hearing aid stethoscope, and typewriter.
- As appropriate, interface with other agencies such as Tri-Counties Regional Center, California Children's Services, Public Health Nurses and others to coordinate services to children and families.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Possession of a valid California State credential with a specialization in clinical rehabilitative services in audiology, or equivalent. Basic sign language skill. Experience and/or training appropriate to fulfill requirements of the position.

Working conditions

Travel between school sites and to-from various meetings.

Frequent use of hands to communicate using signs.

Physical Demands

Ordinary ambulatory skills to travel to outside offices and locations.

Sufficient visual acuity to recognize words, numbers, and signs.

Near-visual acuity to read written materials and computer screens.

Sufficient communication skills to carry on conversations.

Sufficient hand-arm-eye coordination and finger dexterity to write, use a computer keyboard, mouse or other pointing device, and to use ASL to communicate.

Licenses and certificates

Possession of a valid California Driver's License if required by the duties of the assignment.

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