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 audiological, 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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