

## ***Think about it: would you accept this job?***

### **HELP WANTED!**

### **SEEKING PARENT OF CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

- **Early Intervention Therapy Assistant:** Attend 2-20 hours of therapy each week; provide daily repetition of therapeutic activities in the areas of PT, OT, Speech and Therapeutic Play. Oversee scheduling and paperwork.
- **Educational Advocate:** Requires working knowledge of Federal and State special education laws, ability to understand complex evaluations and educational reports. Requires strong communication and negotiation skills in highly emotional forum. Schedule and participate in Team meetings, oversee school compliance with IEP, monitor progress reporting and troubleshoot as necessary.
- **Playmate & Recreational Director:** Providing supportive play and recreational opportunities both at home and in the community. Requires coaching recreational sports year-round to ensure inclusion, arranging 1:1 support for camp or securing funding for special needs camps, arranging and supervising play dates, engaging in play with child who is not capable of independent play.
- **Skills Trainer:** research and implement strategies for independence at home and in the community. Includes skill building around activities of daily living, safety in the community, household management, social skills, and more.
- **Medical Manager:** for a medical doctors and therapists. Responsibilities include scheduling appointments, coordinating care between doctors, recruiting friends and family to attend appointment to entertain child while you talk with the doctor, filling prescriptions, securing adequate primary and supplemental health insurance, securing medical equipment.
- **Service Navigator:** Requires working knowledge for navigation of various social service systems including but not limited to: MassHealth, Department of Developmental Services, Social Security, and a myriad of local and state nonprofit organizations that support people with disabilities.
- **Communication Consultant:** Requires in-depth understanding of AAC device usage and programming. Also requires basic sign language skills, and interpretation of spoken and sign language to the general public.
- **PCA Employer:** Recruit and hire between 1-12 PCA staff. Develop unique job description, schedule their time on a weekly basis, complete and submit time sheets, report to PCA agency quarterly, oversee all employer-related paperwork required by state and federal law.
- **Overnight Care:** provide support as needed. May require awakenings 3-10 times each night to change positioning, diapers or clothes, or to soothe and resettle child.
- **Other Duties as assigned to a typical parent**

#### **Compensation:**

Approximately \$500 annual reimbursement, to be renewed (or not), depending on state budget