

AK Child & Family

Job Description

Registered Nurse

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES*

The registered nurse (RN) is responsible for the provision of nursing services and the coordination of physician services to all residential students. This includes the initial and ongoing assessment of behavioral/health needs, the facilitation of medical interventions, and the maintenance of all residential policies and procedures associated with health care delivery. The RN is the liaison between the Medical Director, professional contract staff, and the direct care providers. The RN adheres to standards and regulations as set forth by the agency, The Joint Commission and OCS licensing and maintains Performance Improvement Activities for these services. The RN is expected to abide by all safety rules and regulations of the facility. The responsibilities of the RN are carried out according to the AK Child & Family policies, mission and philosophy of care.

*All positions at AK Child & Family may have responsibilities altered during the course of employment due to agency imperatives.

SUPERVISION AND COORDINATION OF SERVICES

The RN is supervised by the Nursing Services Supervisor, with medical supervision provided by the Medical Director. The RN collaborates with all other disciplines through interdisciplinary teamwork and assigned committee responsibilities. The RN is a member of the Residential Services department and coordinates health care delivery with all members of the treatment team. The RN adheres to the professional ethics of the American Nursing Association. The RN collaborates and coordinates services with all AK Child & Family staff and outside professional contractors via established committees and performance improvement activities.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: The RN must have the ability to relate to and have experience in working with emotionally disturbed children/adolescents. Experience with this population in a psychiatric or residential setting is preferred. Knowledge of psychiatric diagnosis, assessment and use of psychotropic medications is also preferred. Excellent written, interpersonal and oral communication skills are essential as is the ability to work on an interdisciplinary treatment team. Skills associated with sensitivity to serving culturally diverse populations are preferred. This position requires the ability to participate in a rotating on call system for evenings and weekends.

Education and experience: A Registered Nursing degree is mandatory, bachelors degree in Nursing preferred. Two years experience working with emotionally disturbed children/adolescents is preferred as is experience in a residential setting.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The RN will use a vehicle to access AK Child & Family campuses for work related activities and produce all documentation required for driving. The RN will perform computer data input and report preparation. The RN will work with file cabinets up to 55" in height and copy machines up to 44" in height.