

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

TITLE: Home School Visitor

REPORTS TO: Director of Special Education

JOB SUMMARY: Offers school social work services through outreach to the home and providing the school personnel an understanding of the child's development and of family social dynamics. This role requires human relations skill in working with the family, the school, and the resource agencies of the community. It is part of a multidisciplinary approach to modify and remedy the student's learning.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Reads and abides by the Pennsylvania School laws and regulations, Federal and State laws, and regulations governing educational and civil rights of students and others, Child Protective Services Act, the policies of the Board of Education, administrative manuals, and the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
2. Communicates clearly, concisely, and effectively, both orally and in writing, with the administrative staff, professional and support staff, students, parents, and community.
3. Prepares special education evaluation components, i.e. developmental history, behavior scale
4. Coordinates referrals to I.U. #20 and community agencies.
5. Consults with the school personnel and parents.
6. Counsels parents and students as warranted.
7. Transports parents to meetings, if needed (use of personal automobile is required)
8. Contacts with community resources, sending/receiving school.
9. Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS: PA Certification.

REQUIREMENTS: Medical examination as per Pennsylvania law; valid criminal history check; child abuse clearance; and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history investigation (if necessary).

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Ability to reach above and below the waist, to use fingers to pick, feel and grasp objects, and to use both hands for repetitive motion. Some bending and twisting of the body required. Ability to lift and/or carry supplies and/or papers weighing no more than 20 lbs. Ability to mostly sit with some standing, walking/moving throughout the work environment.

SENSORY ABILITIES: Visual acuity and auditory acuity.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Typical office environment. Subject to inside environmental conditions.

TEMPERAMENT: Must possess excellent interpersonal skills. Must be cooperative, congenial, and service oriented. Must be able to work in an environment with frequent interruptions.

COGNITIVE ABILITY: Ability to follow written and verbal directions, to read and write, to communicate effectively, to organize tasks, to handle multiple tasks, and to exercise good judgment.

SPECIFIC SKILLS: Must possess leadership skills, supervisory skills, and computer skills. Ability to operate various office equipment. Must possess active listening skills. Must possess conflict mediation skills.

CLASSIFICATION: Professional staff; Bethlehem Education Association/teacher position; Cabinet Code – L.

EVALUATION: Performance of the job will be evaluated annually in accordance with the Board's policy on evaluation.

(Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable a qualified individual with a disability or disabilities to perform the primary duties and responsibilities of the job.)