



## CAREER OPPORTUNITY



### Speech-Language Pathology/ Occupational Therapy Assistant (0.8 FTE)

Pacekids Programs is looking for a Speech-Language Pathologist/ Occupational Therapy Assistant based out of the North Pacekids location, (808 55 Ave. NE), working within our centre-based Early Childhood Services (ECS) program. The position is a 0.8 FTE and would commence in August, 2018.

Pacekids Programs is family focused and strives for excellence in the therapy, education and family empowerment of children with special needs.

Pacekids offers a variety of programs to children in the Calgary area, including our Early Childhood Services (ECS) Preschool and Kindergarten programs funded by Alberta Learning and our in-home programs funded through Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD).

The Pacekids' SLP/OT Therapy Assistant's main responsibility is the treatment of preschool children within the Early Childhood Services (ECS) program under the supervision of the ECS Speech-Language Pathologists and Occupational Therapists. The SLP/OT Therapy Assistant is responsible for following the program plan developed by the therapists and supporting classroom staff in the implementation of strategies and activities.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist ECS Therapists (OT and SLP) in scheduling, planning and implementing therapy support in the classroom
- Collect data for therapy goals as outlined by ECS Therapists on children's Individual Program Plans (IPP)
- Collect Language and Fine Motor samples to assist ECS Therapists with programming and assessment
- Provide ECS Therapists with meaningful data and insightful feedback regarding a child's progress with goals
- Facilitate, model and demonstrate: language communication, fine motor, self-care, vision and sensory regulation activities in classroom
- Prepare materials and visuals for the classroom programming and for communication programming (e.g. PECS)
- Prepare communication boards and displays for assistive technology devices
- Assist SLP with iPad programming and support teaching staff with iPad maintenance





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- Conduct and assist with Family Oriented Programming Sessions (FOPS)
- Manage, in collaboration with ECS Therapists, treatment materials and resources including ordering supplies for material development
- In collaboration with ECS Therapists, coach ECS teachers and CDAs in understanding and implementation of OT and SLP goals and strategies
- Assist with preparation and delivery of education and training sessions to Pacekids' families and CDAs

#### REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of a High School Diploma
- Completion of a therapy assistant training program or equivalent experience (e.g. working with preschool children under the direction of an OT and/or SLP for a minimum of 2 years)
- Experience working with preschool and school-aged children
- Excellent interpersonal skills; ability to work effectively with clients, families and staff
- Flexibility is essential given the variety of children's abilities, needs and conditions
- Proficiency in the English language, both written and verbal
- Proficiency with Boardmaker software and iPad technology is an asset
- Current Alberta driver's license; must have access to personal vehicle
- Current Standard First Aid and CPR – level C certification (can be obtained upon hire within a designated time frame)
- Clearance from a Criminal Record Check, including a Vulnerable Sector check and Child Welfare Intervention check; must be current within the last six months

#### CONTACT

Please direct your resume, cover letter and salary expectations to:  
Pacekids HR Team at [ecscareers@pacekids.ca](mailto:ecscareers@pacekids.ca).

*Pacekids Programs understands the importance of the right person for the right job, and appreciates a diverse workforce. Pacekids Programs encourages all candidates with the required qualifications to apply for this position, and is committed to working collaboratively on determining appropriate accommodations.*

