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Art Therapy House Inc. is seeking a well-rounded, passionate, responsible, and reliable Art Therapy Assistant to join our growing team of therapists and community healers! We are a rapidly growing community-forward private practice, providing art therapy and related wellness services within Brown Deer, Milwaukee, and the greater Southeastern Wisconsin area.

Our philosophy is highly person-centered and our mission is to make available the healing capabilities of the creative process and of art therapy to persons in need. The range of people who benefit from ATH services is broad. From youth through adolescence and adulthood, art therapy provides opportunities to increase creative coping skills, access and treat traumatic experience, normalize the lived experience, reframe history and build legacy, and encourage resilience and hope.

Clients are seen at our brick and mortar location in Brown Deer, WI as well as in the community and so some driving is required at times. This position will serve clients in group settings and other operational tasks as assigned.

Job Title: Art Therapy Assistant

**Job Type:** Part-Time or Variable Hours

Pay: \$20 per hour for non-direct client hours + \$25 per hour for direct client hours

## Schedule:

Day shift

- Early Evening shift (No later than 8:30 pm)
- Monday to Friday

Some weekend availability

## Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Fine Art, Art Therapy, Psychology, Counseling, or a related field is desirable but not required. Motivated candidates without a degree may be considered and, if selected, offered the opportunity for additional training in topics relevant to their role.
- Creative skills and profound understanding of various art techniques and materials, allowing you to guide clients through their creative journeys effectively.

- Empathetic and compassionate nature, with the ability to build rapport with diverse populations and individuals.
- Exceptional communication and active listening skills to provide unparalleled support to your clients, fostering an environment of trust and growth.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team-oriented environment, contributing your expertise and working seamlessly with colleagues to deliver holistic care.
- Demonstrate either a comprehensive knowledge of psychological principles and therapeutic interventions in art therapy, ensuring the well-being of those under your guidance, or a strong willingness to learn and acquire this expertise for the position.
- Uphold the utmost confidentiality and ethical standards, respecting the guidelines that govern therapeutic settings and ensuring a safe space for all clients.

\*\*\*Candidates for this position must have a reliable vehicle, vehicle insurance, and a valid driver's license. As this position requires providing therapeutic services to vulnerable populations, candidates must be able to pass a caregiver background check.

**General Job Descriptions:** Art Therapy Assistants at Art Therapy House Inc. play a crucial role in

supporting the art therapy process for clients seeking emotional and psychological healing through artistic expression. Working closely with licensed art therapists, you will help create a safe and welcoming environment for clients to explore their thoughts, feelings, and experiences using various art materials and techniques. Art Therapy Assistants prepare and facilitate art therapy services on a therapeutic team (which includes licensed Art Therapists) and other wellness related programming in our home location (Brown Deer, WI) and within the community through partnerships. Art Therapy House Inc. programming includes individual art therapy, focused and themed groups, ongoing support groups, workshops, and open studio events.

## **Major Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Facilitate art therapy sessions under the supervision of licensed therapists, guiding clients through artistic activities that encourage self-expression and are designed to enhance the client's self-awareness, self-esteem, coping skills, and emotional regulation.
- Work with the therapeutic team including art therapy assistants to select and provide a range of art materials and techniques that are tailored to the client's age, developmental level, cultural background, and treatment goals.
- Support clients in processing their art and encouraging verbal communication about their experiences during the creative process.
- Clean up art materials and ensure that the art-making space is organized and clean after each session. Additional housekeeping duties may be assigned as needed.
- Travel to and from Art Therapy House Inc. and community partnership sites with art materials for programming, client artwork, and other necessary items for providing successful services.

- Observe and document clients' artwork and progress during sessions, noting any significant developments or concerns. Maintain accurate and timely records of client progress, treatment plans, and case notes in compliance with ethical and legal guidelines.
- Collaborate with other members of the Art Therapy House Inc. team, including art therapists, the operations manager, executive director, other art therapy assistants, interns, and community partners, to provide comprehensive and coordinated care to clients.
- Uphold the utmost confidentiality and ethical standards, respecting the guidelines that govern therapeutic settings and ensuring a safe space for all clients.
- Engage actively in regular clinical supervision and seize opportunities for professional development, aimed at upholding agency requirements and continuously expanding your expertise and impact within therapeutic services provided. Participate in regular team meetings and contribute ideas for improving the therapeutic environment.

Join our team and contribute to the transformative power of art in promoting healing and well-being for our clients. If you feel that you are a strong candidate for this position, please submit a cover letter and resume to <a href="mailto:info@arttherapyhouse.org">info@arttherapyhouse.org</a> by Friday, September 8th, 2023.

Please contact us with any questions you might have about this position at info@arttherapyhouse.org.

Be a part of making a positive impact on people's lives through the healing power of authentic artistic expression at Art Therapy House Inc!