



Position title: Clinical Supervisor and Therapist

Hours: 26 hours/week

Salary: Non-exempt position. 32,500 - 35,500 annually, depending on experience

Location: Port Townsend, WA

Application deadline: September 8

Our mission: Jumping Mouse transforms children's lives by providing expressive mental health therapy for as long as necessary. We nurture each child's healthy development and supportive relationships at home and in the community.

Jumping Mouse Children's Center is a Port Townsend nonprofit agency that provides mental health services for the children of Jefferson County, ages 2 to 12. The organization's name is derived from a Native American myth and reflects the healing and hope possible through long-term creative therapy.

Children receive therapy at Jumping Mouse for a variety of reasons, generally when the family has experienced trauma and the young child is deeply affected. Jumping Mouse works with children referred from teachers, healthcare providers, domestic violence/sexual assault advocates, and child protection workers, as well as families. More than 80% of Jumping Mouse clients live in low-income households. No child is ever turned away because his or her family cannot pay for services.

Each employee of Jumping Mouse Children's Center is integral to carrying out the organization's mission and transforming lives in our community.

The **Clinical Supervisor and Therapist** is responsible for 1) providing clinical supervision to Jumping Mouse master's-level interns and externs; 2) providing therapeutic play therapy with children ages 2 ½ through twelve; 3) advocating for these children in their environments (school, doctor, etc.); and 4) consulting with parents/caregivers on a monthly basis regarding parent skills and needs.

Play therapists work with children who are suffering from a range of psychological difficulties and complex life experiences. Psychological difficulties include depression, anxiety, aggression, disorganized behaviors. Difficult life experiences include abuse, neglect, grief, domestic violence, family breakdown and trauma. A trained play therapist helps a child to increase insight and resiliency, and learn solutions and coping skills through the mediums which are natural to children. Play therapists work with the child's parents and caregivers throughout the play therapy process.

Specific duties include:

- Provide appropriate training, supervision, and evaluation to master's-level interns and externs.
- Work with individual children weekly, providing a regular and consistent setting and time in which therapy occurs.
- Assess the emotional needs of each child in consultation with other members of the clinical team.
- Serve as a liaison between the child's needs and the greater environment that serves the child.
- Maintain education and all other requirements to perform as a mental health professional.
- Prepare and maintain required records and reports pertaining to mental health services.
- Attend monthly staff meetings and monthly clinic meetings.
- Lead regular consultation as agreed upon with Chief Clinical Supervisor, assuring congruency of the therapeutic model.
- Participate in networking and public relations in the community, as requested.
- Assist with organization-wide activities such as special events.

Qualifications and qualities needed:

1. Licensed graduate degree in counseling, psychology or social work.
2. Demonstrated successful experience as a mental health counselor working with young children and children's caregivers. Experience in depth-oriented work and providing child-directed sandtray and play therapy preferred.
3. Knowledge of child development.
4. Certified as a supervisor in the state of Washington with one to three years' experience as a clinical supervisor or minimum two years' experience as licensed children's mental health counselor with willingness to train to become a certified supervisor.
5. Ability to guide and support caregivers and other adults on behalf of the child's best interests.
6. Excellent communication, interpersonal, and child and family advocacy skills.
7. Standard information technology skills; competence in Microsoft Office required.

To apply:

Email cover letter and résumé to Jenny Manza at jenny@jumpingmouse.org.

In your cover letter, please answer the following questions:

1. Share a personal experience that relates to your own intentionality in working with children. You might include experiences that have offered you insight into play, staying with your own creative self, etc.
2. What do you feel you will bring to Jumping Mouse Children's Center?
3. Jumping Mouse Children's Center transforms children's lives by providing expressive mental health therapy for as long as necessary. We nurture each child's healthy development and supportive relationships at home and in the community. What thoughts does this mission statement generate?