

## JUMPING MOUSE CHILDREN'S CENTER

### **Position title: Clinical Supervisor and Therapist**

Reports to: Clinical Director

Hours: .6 FTE (26 hours)

Salary: 37,000 – 40,000 DOE

**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.

**About us:** Jumping Mouse Children's Center is a Port Townsend nonprofit agency that provides child-directed sandtray and play therapy to Jefferson County children, 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 their family cannot pay for services.

Our play therapists work from a developmental, attachment based and trauma-informed lens to support 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.

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

### **Qualifications and qualities needed:**

1. WA State license in counseling, psychology or social work and associated master's degree.
2. WA State approved supervisor with minimum one year experience supervising.
3. Experience as a mental health counselor working with young children and their caregivers.
4. Training and experience in child-directed sandtray and play therapy preferred.
5. Knowledge of child development, attachment and trauma-informed care.
6. Ability to guide and support caregivers and other adults on behalf of the child's best interests.
7. Excellent communication, interpersonal, and child and family advocacy skills.
8. Standard information technology skills; competence in Microsoft Office required.

## **Job Description**

### **Supervisory Duties:**

- Provide weekly clinical supervision and ongoing evaluation, training and support to 3-5 JM therapists, including master's-level interns and externs
- Lead a one-hour consult group each week, congruent with JM therapeutic model
- Meet once weekly with clinical director and supervisory team

### **Therapist Duties:**

- Provide weekly child-directed sandtray and play therapy to 6-8 children aged 2 ½ through twelve
- Consult with caregivers on a monthly basis regarding treatment plan, parent skills and needs
- Provide advocacy support for children in their greater environment as needed, such as meeting with teachers, collaborating with doctors, connecting with additional resources, etc.
- Meet one hour weekly with supervisor as a supervisee

### **General Requirements/Duties:**

- Maintain education and all other requirements to uphold licensing in good standing
- Prepare and maintain required records and reports pertaining to mental health services
- Participate in monthly staff meetings and monthly clinic meetings
- Participate in networking and public relations in the community to advocate for the Jumping Mouse model, as requested by Clinical Director
- Assist with organization-wide activities such as special events

### **To apply:**

Email cover letter and résumé to Jenny Manza at [jenny@jumpingmouse.org](mailto:jenny@jumpingmouse.org).

In your cover letter, please include responses to 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?