

Position Title: Child Therapist
Department: Clinic
Reports to: Supervisor
Hours: 26 hours per week
Salary: Depending on experience, starting at \$33,800

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.

In our Port Townsend based nonprofit agency, as well as our school-based satellites, we provide mental health services for children in Jefferson County, ages 2 to 12. Jumping Mouse takes referrals from a variety of sources in the community, as well as families. More than 80% of Jumping Mouse clients live in low-income households. No child is ever turned away if a family cannot pay for services.

Therapy at Jumping Mouse is non-directive, and long-term. We work with children for as long as needed and follow their lead in therapy, using expressive modalities such as sand tray, play, and art. At the core of our work, we hold a belief that through therapeutic relationship and play, children are able to process and integrate their experiences.

Our therapists work from a developmental, attachment based, depth oriented, and trauma-informed lens to support children who are suffering from a range of psychological difficulties and complex life experiences. Our therapists also work with parents and caregivers throughout the therapy process.

Each employee of Jumping Mouse Children's Center is integral to carrying out the organization's mission.

Child Therapists spend approximately 50% of their scheduled hours in sessions with individual children and 50% on family support, record keeping, and other duties.

General Responsibilities include:

- Work with each child client weekly, on a consistent and predictable basis.
- Monthly meetings with the parents/guardians.
- Advocate for child clients in their environments (school, doctor, etc.)
- Assess the progress of clients in weekly consultation with supervisor and consult group.
- Liase on behalf of the child to teachers, schools, doctors, social workers, and GALS as needed.
- Write and maintain required records and reports pertaining to mental health services provided.
- Attend monthly staff meetings, monthly clinic meetings, and annual staff retreats.
- Retain current status on any legal and ethical requirements applicable to the maintenance of your license.
- Participate in presentations to the community, as requested and able.

Benefits:

- Yearly stipend for Professional Development.
- Weekly supervision and peer group consultation.
- Flexibility in hours and scheduling when possible.
- Up to 3% employer matched retirement benefit.
- Health insurance.
- Flexible vacation/leave policies.

Qualifications needed:

1. Graduate degree in Counseling, Psychology or Social Work. Licensed Associates, as well as fully licensed clinicians, are encouraged to apply.
2. Experience working with young children and their caregivers. Experience in depth-oriented work, child-directed sand tray and play therapy helpful.

3. An understanding of child development.
4. Ability to guide and support caregivers and other adults on behalf of the child's best interests.
5. Effective communication, interpersonal, and family advocacy skills.
6. Experience with or a willingness to learn Microsoft 365.

Work environment:

Jumping Mouse provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicant for employment without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, age, abilities, and gender. Jumping Mouse Children's Center supports the health and wellbeing of our staff and the development of our clinicians.

Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable individuals with all abilities to fulfil job duties and responsibilities.

This is a general description of the position and may not be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, and required skills.

We follow the recommendations of Jefferson County Public Health regarding Covid-19 protocols.

To apply: Submit your resume and cover letter to transition@jumpingmouse.org. Please make sure to address any pertinent experience, including professional and personal experience that is relevant to this position. Deadline for submittal is July 22, 2022. Screening will begin August 1, 2022