



Sprout Family Services is a private non-profit corporation with a core purpose of promoting the healthy development of children.

Job Title: Occupational Therapist/Early Interventionist **FLSA Classification:** salary; exempt

Reports to: Early Learning Manager

Status: Full-time

Location: Homer, Alaska

Summary of Position: As a member of a multidisciplinary team, provide early intervention services and Occupational Therapy services to infants, toddlers, and young children (0-5) living with a delay in development or who are at risk for delay(s). Plan and implement Occupational Therapy to promote the family's capacity to care for their child and promote growth and development in natural environments where families live, work, and play and/or within our clinic setting. Bring expertise to the team in fine motor, regulation and sensory integration. Successfully complete other duties as assigned.

Responsibilities & Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Adhere to and demonstrate the mission and core values of Sprout Family Services.
- Follow through on assigned referrals by providing intake, assessment/evaluation, and recommendations to families on developmental skills in the areas of gross motor, fine motor, social/emotional, cognition, speech/language, self-help and adaptive.
- Maintain assigned caseload incorporating researched based intervention activities into daily routines that best facilitate child/family driven goals.
- Coach parents to learn and follow through with interventions. Ensure all required documentation is complete, accurate and timely.
- Prepare assessment reports and maintain regular plans of care.
- Provide coaching, consultation, training and outreach to community members, childcare settings and other service agency personnel in child development, child-parent interactions, and family well-being.
- Support families through the transition process before their child ages out of the Sprout services.
- Participate as an advocate for families and as a representative of Sprout at meetings and events throughout the community, state and beyond as requested.
- Other duties as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:

- Master's degree in Occupational Therapy.
- State of Alaska OT (Occupational Therapy) licensure required.
- At least one year pediatric experience with children and families required.
- Experience with Part C/Early Intervention services preferred.
- Demonstrated competency with laptop computers, electronic recordkeeping, and Microsoft Office Suite.
- Ability to work with a consultative model/trans disciplinary model of intervention and a family centered service delivery model.
- Proven track-record of successfully establishing and maintaining working relationships with agencies and clients.
- Must have valid driver's license and private, fully insured vehicle and safe driving record. Must be able to pass criminal background check.
- Must have or obtain CPR certification within the first month of employment.
- Must be willing and able to travel to meet the needs of the position.

Core Competencies:

- Ability to promote and adhere to Sprout's mission, vision, and values.
- Ability to be creative and flexible to respond quickly and positively to shifting demands and opportunities, including working in a grant funded program.
- Ability to empathetically communicate understanding of the emotional factors that influence parents including those who have been involved with the OCS system.
- Consistently approach work in a positive, team-oriented, and cooperative manner with colleagues. Self-starter who understands the need for detail amid work being done within a much larger picture.
- Ability to address difficult and sensitive issues in a respectful, courteous, and direct manner with clients, co-workers, and community members.
- Ability to independently control own workflow and actively contribute support to fellow team members.
- Ability and willingness to wear many hats in a small organization with limited staff.

Work environment: The physical demands and work environment described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit and talk or hear, clearly speak, type, and write in English. The employee is occasionally required to stand, walk, and reach with hands and arms to position clients. May be exposed to infection, virus, disease, and specimens in working environment. The

employee is occasionally required to climb or balance; and occasionally stoops, kneels, crouches, or crawls. The employee must often lift and/or move up to 10 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds of testing equipment, toys, and supplies. Must be able to sit on the floor and move quickly after infants and toddlers. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision and ability to adjust focus. The usual noise and vibration level in the work environment is moderate, as would be expected in an office setting. However, in the process of conducting home visits, the employee may be exposed to many different home environments and rapidly changing traveling conditions.

Schedule: Sprout's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, this position may require a flexible schedule and work different than the hours of operation to meet the needs of enrolled families. Work on some nights and weekends may be required. This position may require day and overnight travel to rural Alaska communities by small plane, boat, or another vehicle.

NOTES: Sprout believes that each employee makes a significant contribution to our success. That contribution should not be limited by the assigned job responsibilities. Therefore, this position description is designed to outline the primary duties, qualifications, and job scope, but not limit the incumbent nor the organization to adjust the work identified. It is Sprout's expectation that each employee will offer his/her services wherever and whenever necessary to ensure Sprout's success.

HOW TO APPLY: Qualified applicants should email a cover letter and resume to: execdirector@sproutalaska.org; no paper submissions, please. Cover letters and resumes will be reviewed as soon as they are received; however, the position will remain open until filled. Please email execdirector@sproutalaska.org with questions pertaining to this opportunity.