

Job Title: Vision Rehabilitation Occupational Therapist
Department: MAB Community Services
Reports To: Regional Director - Central Massachusetts

SUMMARY

Under the general supervision of the Regional Director - Central Massachusetts, provides vision rehabilitation therapy to individuals who are vision impaired. This includes training in the use of compensatory skills and aids that will enable them to live safely, productively, independently and up to their maximum potential. The therapy enhances personal management skills, communication skills, travel skills, low vision utilization, and home management skills.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

Performs functional vision assessment. Evaluates client needs and develops goals to regain ability to perform all or part of ADLs and IADLs.

Selects constructive activities suited to individuals' physical capacity, intelligence level and interest to: upgrade individuals to maximum independence; assist in restoration of functions; and aid in adjustment to disability.

Teaches individual skills and techniques required for participation in activities and evaluates individual's progress.

Recommends special equipment for individuals and suggests adaptation of individual's living environment.

Provides one-on-one training with optical devices prescribed in Low Vision Clinic.

Monitors client's progress throughout treatment, prepares reports and communicates with the referring physician or agency, and maintains records and reports as appropriate.

Works with the vision rehabilitation specialist to help the individual to understand his/her vision loss, to facilitate the development of appropriate coping mechanisms, improve the person's quality of life, conduct safety assessment and make recommendations, and provide continuity of service.

Work in partnership low vision optometrist, ophthalmologists to develop therapy plans and support referral network.

Participates in continuing education and training of rehabilitation and clinical staff on best practices

RELATED DUTIES

Maintains confidential records documenting services for clients
Attends agency meetings and trainings as required.

Completes documentation necessary for billing to third party insurers
Performs other related duties as required.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervision of the direct care of vision rehabilitation specialists
Possible supervision of OT, OT Assistants, interns

QUALIFICATIONS To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE

Licensed Occupational Therapy; two years related experience in outpatient setting; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Ability to write reports and business correspondence. Ability to provide training and ongoing feedback to consumers. Ability to make effective presentations to consumers and outside professionals. Ability to develop and maintain positive working relationships with eye care providers, clients, vendors, colleagues, employees, volunteers and others.

PROBLEM SOLVING AND JUDGMENT

Ability to define and solve problems. Ability to use sound judgment in situations where limited or no guidelines exist. Ability to respond appropriately to various crises and incidents. Ability to anticipate problems and plan proactively.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

MA Licensure.
ACVREP Certification and/or low vision experience preferred.