

Heritage Homes, Inc.

Job Description

Job Title: Direct Care Worker in Licensed Setting or SIL
Reports To: Home Manager

JOB SUMMARY

The Direct Care Worker in a licensed setting or SIL is directly responsible for providing direct care to residents living in the facility or children receiving respite in the Respite Center. The worker, along with the other facility staff, shall strive to implement principles of Person Centered Planning and to address the basic health, rights, privileges, and safety of all residents. The direct care worker must strive to implement and adhere to all policies and procedures of Heritage Homes, Inc., along with upholding the responsibility of all employees to maintain a positive working environment and to maximize the quality of life for the people we serve.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES

- Follow all policies, procedures, and legal commitments to residents as required by the Michigan Department of Community Health Code, Community Mental Health Agencies, The Health Department, Family Independence Agency (Office of Children and Adult Licensing), and Adult and Children Protective Services.
- Maintain accurate and legible agency and resident records.
- Monitor that the basic rights and privileges of residents are met appropriately.
- Report any and all unusual incidents concerning resident care on appropriate Incident Report form(s) to Home Manager.
- Report any and all staff injuries, accidents with agency vehicles, and breakage of agency property/equipment on the appropriate Heritage Homes' Incident Report form.
- Apply and follow the principles and specific goals of Person-Centered Planning as outlined in the written Plan for each resident.
- Supervise residents consistently to maintain their safety and keep the facility and its environment hazard free.
- Obtain and provide adequate health and medical treatment as needed and as directed by the resident's Primary Physician and according to each resident's health and medical programs.
- Provide residents with physical assistance such as in personal care, dressing, undressing, bathing, changing briefs, lifting, transferring, using a walker or wheelchair, and any other type of assistance that may be needed by any resident and according to each individual plan.
- Transport by vehicle as needed and accompany and monitor residents in the community (outings, doctor appointments, etc.)
- Complete all daily housekeeping duties such as cleaning, vacuuming, dusting, as well as meal preparation and clean up.
- Assist in food purchasing and shopping for other necessities for the facility as directed by the Home Manager
- Assist in maintaining the general property of the facility— sidewalks swept, windows clean, outdoor furniture clean and comfortable.
- Report needed maintenance of facility to Home Manager.
- Assist with minor maintenance of facility as needed and as directed by Home Manager
- Assist with lawn care and/or yard work as needed and as directed by Home Manager
- Shovel/snow blow walkways of snow during winter months and maintain walkways salted and clear of ice and other hazards.
- Assist in laundry, wash, dry, iron, fold, and put away clothing in closets and drawers.
- Repair, sew, and label resident clothing as needed
- Plan and coordinate leisure activities for residents
- Maintain positive working environment.
- Maintain resident confidentiality.
- Participate in all mandatory staff meetings and in-services.

- Attend all scheduled trainings, specific training updates, and other annual licensing requirements as directed by the Home Manager.
- Various other duties as directed by the Home Manager

CONTACTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

- Daily interaction with residents such as in conversation, reading for the resident, giving explanations to the resident, listening when the resident talks to you, giving directions according to the resident's plan of service.
- Daily communication with other staff concerning the relay of pertinent resident information from shift to shift as well as recording shift activity in the Daily Log.
- Periodic contact with the Case Manager, Nurse, Psychologist, OT, PT, or resident's guardian and/or family members by providing information as directed by the Home Manager.

JOB SPECIFICATIONS

Required:

- Must be over the age of 18.
- High School graduate or GED equivalent.
- Valid, current, Michigan Driver's license which agrees with our insurance company's requirements for direct care workers driving our vehicles and transporting residents.
- Ability to lift 65 pounds frequently throughout the work shift.
- Successful completion of physical, TB Test, Drug Screen, and Criminal Check.
- Demonstrate good moral character as defined by Rule 400.1152 of The Adult Foster Care Licensing Rules.
- Ability to communicate positively and effectively with residents and work as a team player with fellow employees.
- Must have sufficient visual and auditory acuity with or without corrective lenses/aids to observe clients and detect signs of changes in client behavior, adverse medication reactions, or other activity or event requiring intervention.

Preferred:

- Prior experience in direct care work.

WORKING CONDITIONS

- A Group Home or Respite Center in the general community for people who need help to help themselves. The number of residents is determined by a licensing contract with the Michigan Family Independence Agency, Office of Children and Adult Licensing.
- Many residents are medically challenged and some residents may exhibit specific behavioral challenges.
- Each facility is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- All staff members are required to uphold and guard the resident's rights and health and safety.

In signing below, I am certifying that I understand that this job description is intended to describe the general nature and level of the work actually performed by staff assigned to this job. I realize that this is not an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, knowledge, skills, abilities, and working conditions associated with the job, and as a Direct Care Worker, I may be asked to perform other duties.

I am aware that additions, deletions, or changes in this job description may be made at any time at the discretion of Heritage Homes, Inc.

Employee's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Manager's Signature: _____

Date: _____