



## Camp Livingston – Community Life Specialist

Camp Livingston is a residential summer camp in Bennington, IN that serves 300 campers, ages 7-18, and employs over 70 staff, 18 and older. We are seeking a licensed social worker or licensed independent social worker to join our team as the Community Life Specialist. Ideally, this person would have experience working with children and young adults ages 13-25. Dates of employment are May 27th-August 4th, with 6 days off throughout their time at camp.

The Community Life Specialist is responsible for monitoring the emotional wellbeing of all campers and staff in the camp community during the course of the season. While helping with all people on camp, the Community Life Specialist will focus on the needs of older campers (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) and staff. The Community Life Specialist will work closely with and report to the Community Life Director.

### **Requirements:**

1. At Least 21 Years of Age
2. Clinical experience with children, teens and their families preferred.
3. Previous experience working in a residential camp environment preferred.
4. Education in psychology, social work or related field preferred.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

#### *Pre-Camp*

1. Work with the year-round camp team and Community Life Director to review camper files for the purpose of assessing and anticipating needs. Alert directors to issues, which may arise from pre-existing family situations such as a recent death, divorce or serious illness in the family.
2. Describe and define role in relation to other key staff and to the camp community.
3. Determine role in staff training and develop training modules.

#### *In Camp*

1. Participate in training of staff and lead appropriate workshops.
2. Assist with camp adjustment issues and the separation anxieties of parents and children.
3. Provide support to staff as they deal with camper behavior problems such as aggression, teasing, or bullying.
4. Be alert to issues that may arise from pre-existing family situations such as a recent death, divorce or serious illness in the family. Work with counseling staff as appropriate.
5. Consult with and guide staff as they deal with children with diagnosed disorders such as, but not limited to, ADD, ADHD, OCD, Eating Disorders, Oppositional/Defiant Disorder, Bi-Polar, etc.
6. Work closely with the camp Health Center staff to monitor the overlap of the physical and emotional wellbeing of campers.
7. Observe groups and give feedback on group dynamics & brainstorm with staff possible interventions.
8. Provide emotional support to staff as they deal with personal issues & provide assistance in mediating staff conflicts, monitor and lead initiatives related to staff morale.
9. Keep Assistant Director and appropriate Unit Heads informed of all appropriate situations and issues as they arise through both informal daily conversations and formal documentation.
10. Consult with parents when appropriate in situations where behavior or adjustment issues arise.
11. Meet twice weekly with Camp Director to talk about camper issues, staff performance and courses of action.
12. Keep Camp Director informed regarding any issue that might question our ability to have a child remain in or return to camp.
13. Make recommendations to the Camp Director to be sure any necessary follow-up with families occur.

### **Benefits:**

- Salary dependent upon level of education and experience
- Room and board included in summer position
- Opportunity to work with an experienced LSW and other seasoned professionals

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