



## **Community Recreation Support Specialist (Inclusion)**

*Pay: \$17/hour +mileage*

### **Summary of Job Description**

As a Community Recreation Support Specialist, you will help children and adults with disabilities successfully participate in community-based recreation programs which may include but are not limited to dance, t-ball, summer camps, art classes, yoga, and swimming lessons. Specialists work directly within Parks and Recreation activities, blending in with staff and participants to foster a welcoming, inclusive environment. The goal is to provide individualized support that promotes skill-building, independence, and positive peer interactions, ensuring participants feel fully included in their community.

### **Essential Job Duties**

- Attend assigned shifts consistently and provide support for last-minute openings when possible.
- Act as an assistant coach, program leader, or instructor alongside Parks and Recreation staff.
- Blend in with program staff by interacting with all participants and running activities in collaboration with staff.
- Provide individualized support such as extra instruction, sensory regulation strategies, behavioral support, activity adaptations, personal care assistance (as needed), or social facilitation.
- Communicate with Parks and Recreation staff to ensure maximum inclusion of the participant.
- Maintain regular communication with families before and after programs.
- Complete shift documentation and keep the Inclusion Manager informed of progress and concerns.
- Be a positive role model by demonstrating respect, patience, courtesy, and maturity.
- Report any concerns about participant safety or staff conduct
- Specialists are onsite at recreation programs in contracted cities and may occasionally be asked to pick up supplies from the Reach for Resources office

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- High School Diploma or GED
- Current valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Patience, flexibility, and a genuine interest in supporting others
- Warm personality and positive sense of humor

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- At least 1 year of experience working with individuals with disabilities

- 2+ years of education or experience beyond high school
- Group leadership experience (coaching, teaching, mentoring)
- Knowledge of recreation and community inclusion practices
- Background or coursework in working with people with disabilities, recreation therapy, special education, or related fields
- Technology experience or comfort using apps for scheduling and communication
- Consistent evening and weekend availability

## Working Conditions and Physical Demands

- **Environment:** 95% of time will be spent out in the field at various recreational settings including nature centers, gymnasiums, parks, etc. The other 5% will be spent doing in person and virtual training.
- **Schedule:** Flexible scheduling, typical week will include 4-6 shifts, with a maximum of 36 hours per week.
- **Physical demands:** Moderate lifting (up to 30lbs), sitting and standing, climbing, running, walking/traversing flat or uneven ground, safely driving a vehicle, verbal communication, seeing, hearing, ability to consistently use Technology experience or comfort using apps for scheduling and communication
- **Socioemotional demands:** Ability to de-escalate stressful situations, providing difficult feedback in a constructive or empathetic way to participants, parents, and community partners, demonstrating patience, maintaining professional boundaries while building strong rapport with children, families, and community partners.

## Additional Information

In addition to salary, Reach for Resources offers excellent employee benefits.

Benefits may include:

- Paid Time Off
- Flexible schedule
- Mileage reimbursement
- Personable and fun co-workers (if we do say so ourselves)
- Caring, supportive supervisors
- Plenty of chances to wear casual clothes
- A focus on wellness

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