

## **Physical Therapist** **Job Description**

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### **Job Goal:**

Support JoyRide Center's mission and values by supporting the Physical Therapy Coordinator in maintaining, and implementing a physical therapy program for qualifying JoyRide Center clients.

### **Qualifications:**

Education: Appropriate masters level degree as a Physical Therapist or higher

Licensure: Texas Physical Therapy License required

Certification: American Hippotherapy Association Registered level preferred

Certified by PATH Intl as a Certified, Advanced or Master level therapeutic riding instructor preferred

Current 1<sup>st</sup> aid and CPR certification

### **Experience:**

1. Minimum of 1-year experience providing physical therapy services, ideally in pediatrics preferred
2. Experience providing physical therapy services that utilizes equine movement preferred
3. Experience teaching therapeutic riding services preferred
4. Experience working in a team setting including clients and their families, other instructors, therapists, administrative personnel, volunteers, and donors
5. Experienced horse person preferred

### **Special Knowledge and Skills:**

1. Able to ride at an advanced beginner level (walk, trot) preferred
2. Understand and recognize the special requirements and training needs of horses used in therapeutic riding
3. Familiarity with a variety of disabilities and their relationship with the movement of a horse

### **Major Responsibilities:**

1. Support the Physical Therapy Coordinator in evaluating and maintaining quality of physical therapy services:
  - a. Ensure that physical therapy services, including documentation and appropriateness of horse, volunteer, and facility use meet PATH Intl. AHA, state and federal standards
  - b. Participate in an annual review of physical therapy services.
2. Create high quality, safe, and effective physical therapy sessions for JoyRide clients
3. Conduct evaluations of potential clients and ensure suitability for JoyRide services
4. Provide timely documentation (ex. Progress notes and/or third party billing forms, time sheets)
5. Promote safety awareness in all activities
6. Participate in JRC volunteer training
7. Be informed regarding horse training and conditioning to ensure suitability for hippotherapy program; participate with schooling team as desired/appropriate

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8. Participate in scheduling clients considering staff, horse, client family, and tack needs
9. Communicate effectively with clients, families, staff and volunteers.
10. Adhere to American Hippotherapy Association (AHA) standards and PATH Intl accreditation Standards for all aspects of the JoyRide program
11. Attend staff meetings as scheduled/available
12. Maintain professional credentials.
13. Consistently support the activities of JoyRide Center – facility care, program development, fundraising, community activities, and other special events.
14. Interact with all staff, volunteers, clients, and board members in a manner that reflects respect, integrity, and transparency.
15. Maintain confidentiality with regard to information about clients, staff, volunteers and internal issues related to JoyRide Center

### **Supervision/Personnel Management**

1. Responsible for completing invoices for 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing agencies

### **Physical Demands/Environmental Factors/Mental Demands:**

**Frequent prolonged walking in all types of weather; frequent bending/stooping, pushing/pulling, twisting, overhead work, and lifting; may work prolonged and irregular hours; work with frequent interruptions; maintain emotional control under pressure.**

**Reports to: Horsemanship Program Manager via Physical Therapy Coordinator**

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This document describes the general purpose and responsibilities assigned to this job and is not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and duties that may be assigned or skills that may be required.