

Anna and John J. Sie Center for Down Syndrome

Educational Specialist

The Anna and John J. Sie Center for Down Syndrome has been open since November 2010 and has evaluated almost 900 unique children with Down syndrome over the past four years. This clinic is comprised of medical providers, speech therapist, physical therapists, social worker, psychologist and nurse. A significant need for children with Down syndrome and their families is an Educational Specialist to improve educational performance, self-esteem, socialization, quality of life and long term outcome. Many of these schools are not organized to support children with Down syndrome. These schools would also benefit from an Educational Specialist who has expertise in the educational needs of children with Down syndrome.

This Educational Specialist will provide educational resource support for families of children with Down syndrome who have been seen at the Sie Center for Down Syndrome at the Children's Hospital Colorado. This position will work one-on-one with families to address school-related issues, develop/interpret IEP plans and partner with the Sie Center team including the psychologist, therapists, nurse, social worker, nurse practitioner and medical director.

Background in working with children with Down syndrome and advocating for inclusion in the general education setting would be preferred. The Educational Specialist will serve as a liaison and outreach coordinator for these families with schools to maximize the student's academic experience and success.

Qualifications:

- Bachelors, Preferred Field of Study – Special Education
- Masters, Preferred Field of Study – Special Education
- Required Language – English, 2nd preferred Language – Spanish
- Required Experience – 3 to 5 years
- Additional Education experience – Special Education, particularly with Down syndrome children; Advocating for inclusion in the general education setting

Scope/Organizational Responsibility:

- Judgment: Set priorities for Educational Specialist within guidelines; manages own workflow in cooperation with others
- Impact of Decisions: Limited to complete functional goals and projects
- Financial Accountability: Responsible for managing an education team budget, approving expense budget

Job Description for Educational Specialist for the Sie Center for Down Syndrome:

1. At the Sie Center for Down Syndrome, Educational Specialist will meet with the families to coordinate education plans including the following:

- a. Assisting with the development of IEPs
 - b. Develop curriculum adjustments appropriate for children with Down syndrome
 - c. Advocate for the educational rights for these children with Down syndrome
 - d. Develop expertise regarding the Colorado Special Education laws
 - e. Serve as a liaison/advocate with schools with regard to implementation of the educational plans for children with Down syndrome
 - f. Performing educational consultations to support families of children with Down syndrome
 - g. Develop understanding of the Learning Process of children with Down syndrome and assist in implementation in the classroom
2. Serve as outreach coordinator and point of contact with schools/school districts and outside organizations (i.e. Global Down Syndrome Foundation, Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association, ARC, Peak Parents, etc.)
 3. Develop and conduct community presentations, in-services, and workshops for parent groups and schools to increase understanding of best practices in educating and supporting growth and learning of children with Down syndrome
 4. Coordinate education plans with Sie Center team including weekly meeting to address all aspects of care of medical and therapies impacting the child's educational performance
 - a. Sie Center Team (i.e. psychologist, medical director and medical providers, speech occupational and physical therapists, social worker)
 5. Collaborating with broader team to support educational issues and address educational concerns as they relate to other disciplines (pediatrics, speech/language, OT, PT, nutrition, social work)

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3. To find this position, click on "Search for a position online"
 - a. Job Title: Education Specialist – Sie Center for Down Syndrome
 - b. Job ID: 48088
4. For further questions, please contact the Human Resource department at (720) 777-4747

