

Specialized Care Provider (Temporary)

Pay Range: \$20+/hour

Job Summary:

Onondaga County Department of Child and Family Services is seeking compassionate and experienced in-home care providers such as Home Health Aides, Personal Care Aides, Direct Support Professionals, or LPNs. This role will provide dedicated care and supervision for high-needs child(ren) with unique developmental, emotional, behavioral, and/or physical challenges. The ideal candidate(s) will have experience supporting individuals with disabilities, demonstrating empathy, professionalism, and the ability to meet the child's unique needs in a nurturing manner. This position requires 24/7 care, with opportunities for multiple candidates to work flexible, rotating shifts to ensure continuous support. Recruitment is ongoing.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist with all Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), including bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, and personal care.
- Prepare meals and assist with feeding as needed, ensuring adherence to dietary requirements.
- Medication management, including organizing, dispensing, and administering medications when required.
- Provide transportation to medical appointments, therapy sessions, and social events, ensuring the child's safety and comfort.
- Perform grocery shopping and manage household essentials to maintain a clean and functional environment.
- Provide emotional reassurance and a caring presence to foster trust and security.
- Facilitate age-appropriate and engaging activities to promote social interaction, emotional well-being, and personal development.
- Encourage and guide the child(ren) to express personal choices and foster independence where possible.

Minimum Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalency (e.g., HSED).
- Valid driver's license in New York State (must be maintained throughout employment).
- Ability to meet physical and agility standards, including lifting up to 50 lbs.
- Successful clearance through the New York State Child Abuse Registry and the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs.
- Completion of a criminal background check and fingerprinting.

- Ability to complete and pass:
 - Medication Administration Training (MAT) course
 - Bloodborne pathogen training
 - First Aid and CPR training
 - Additional training necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of the child.

Preferred Qualifications:

- NYS certified Home Health Aide, Personal Care Aide, or LPN.
- Previous experience working with children or individuals with developmental, physical, or behavioral health concerns.
- Familiarity with caregiving best practices, including ADLs, medication management, and behavior support techniques.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to create a nurturing and engaging environment.

Schedule:

- This is a temporary position requiring 24/7 coverage. Multiple candidates may be hired to work varying shifts, allowing flexibility while ensuring continuous care.

Application:

- Submit a statement of qualifications and required documentation to meganrooney@ongov.net