

## The Atlanta Speech School

### Part-Time Occupational Therapist: Stepping Stones Program

**Start Date: August 2023**

The mission of the Atlanta Speech School is to help each person develop his or her full potential through language and literacy. The School is now the nation's most comprehensive center for language and literacy, with four schools, four clinics, summer programs and a professional development center. Each day extraordinarily dedicated and talented individuals make profound differences in the lives of the children and adults we serve here and across our state in partnership with other organizations. Please visit our website for a closer look at our work:

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The Stepping Stones program is currently seeking applicants for a part-time position of Occupational Therapist for the 2023-2024 school year. The Stepping Stones program provides therapeutic preschool services for children who are primarily experiencing early communication delays and associated sensory-motor processing weaknesses.

#### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

The occupational therapist is responsible for the delivery of a high quality therapeutic and educational experience for each child within a class. Along with the speech language pathologist/lead teacher, special education teacher, and assistant teacher, the occupational therapist will implement weekly lesson plans that support the Stepping Stones curriculum as well as individualized perceptual, motor, and sensory-based goals to meet the developmental needs of three and four year old students.

#### **ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE JOB:**

- Creatively plan and teach aspects of a high quality therapeutic instructional program for a classroom of 10 to 12 preschool children with a variety of communication and perceptual/sensory-motor delays; addressing sensory processing, regulation, motor skills, and pre-writing readiness (e.g., fine motor skills, visual motor integration, and visual perception).
- Conduct ongoing review and periodic assessment of skill development and prepare written progress reports for each student.
- Contribute to a minimum of three conferences per year with parents of each student.
- Establish an effective system for communicating with parents, colleagues, and outside personnel regarding children's development.
- Work collaboratively with speech language pathologists, special education teachers, and psychologists to ensure exemplary services are provided for each child

## **QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- Master's degree in occupational therapy with specific experience serving preschool students with developmental delays
- A current Georgia license, and certification with the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy
- An understanding of the interaction between language, learning, sensory processing, and neuro-motor development
- Must attend Bright From the Start training and other required training as specified by the program coordinator
- A commitment to ongoing professional development. Experience working with children in a group, with individualized goals

Among the many programs at the Atlanta Speech School, children and adults with hearing loss and language processing difficulties are served. Therefore, the clarity and accuracy of an applicant's speech and language may be part of the hiring decision as they relate to performing the essential functions of the position.

**SALARY:** Salary is commensurate with experience.

## **TO APPLY:**

Please provide a resume, certification, and writing sample **via e-mail**. The writing sample should describe what you consider to be critical qualities that an occupational therapist must possess in order to be effective, and examples in which you have demonstrated that quality. The sample should be no more than 600 words.

**Subject line:** Occupational Therapist/Stepping Stones (part-time)

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