



Promoting Independence and Opportunities for People with Vision Loss.

Position Description Social Worker

About INSIGHT

Founded in 1925 as the Rhode Island Association for the Blind, INSIGHT's mission is to inspire confidence and build skills that help people who are visually impaired and blind to thrive and succeed.

In 2022, the agency provided services to almost 900 adults and children who are blind and visually impaired. These services included low vision evaluations, independent living skills training, workshops, support groups, recreational activities, and a summer youth camp.

Position Background

This new position at IN-SIGHT presents the selected candidate with the opportunity to help build a dynamic new program that will provide support, information, and resources for people living with vision loss.

Reporting to the Director of Client Services and working cooperatively with the part-time Client Outreach Coordinator, the Social Worker will help identify individual client needs, provide emotional support, help clients determine their independent living goals, and then develop a plan to help them meet those needs.

The Social Worker will connect clients with the IN-SIGHT's current programs as well as services at other agencies, while also identifying opportunities for new initiatives to help people meet their needs.

The Social Worker will also provide support and information to family members and friends who may be struggling with how to best support their loved one.

This position requires someone who is a creative, upbeat, client centered, self-starter who has a passion for helping people achieve higher levels of self-confidence and independence. The position requires someone who is willing to invest time in getting know our clients, many of whom may initially be wary about connecting with services due to fear, anger, anxiety, or denial in terms of their vision loss and its effect on their lives.

While INSIGHT serves people of all ages, as most vision loss is related to age, most of our client base is comprised of people who are over the age of 70. The successful candidate will have experience successfully working with this population and will have a solid understanding of the best ways to provide services to them.

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Essential Functions

- Determines the nature of the client's situation by interviewing the client and assessing their psychosocial status.
- Establishes a course of action by exploring options and setting goals with the client.
- Fosters the client's action or adjustment by interpreting attitudes and pointing out and explaining new options.
- Monitors planned actions through periodic follow up with clients.
- Facilitates small group workshops focused on adapting to vision loss in healthy ways.
- Keeps track of client needs and goals and works with the Director of Client Services to develop programs, workshops, or other initiatives to help people meet their needs.
- Identifies barriers to service and works with the Director of Client Services and the Executive Director to find ways to overcome those obstacles.
- With consent from the client, offers support and resources for their families, caregivers, and friends who may also be struggling with the client's vision loss.
- Maintains a record of client interactions, goals, and progress.

Skills and Qualifications

- Minimum BS Degree in Social Work (BSW), Master's Degree (MSW) preferred.
- At least five years of experience in the Social Work field.
- Ability to make psychosocial assessments and develop and implement viable care plans.
- Excellent listening and communication skills.
- Bilingual (Spanish) preferred.
- Experience working with older adults and/or people with disabilities highly desired.
- Demonstrated group facilitation skills.
- Reliable source of transportation.

Compensation and Benefits

- Annual salary: \$62,000 - \$70,000

- 11 paid holidays
- 22 days of paid time off (accrued at a rate of 3.173 hours per week)
- Access to a 401k and Roth 401k with 3% employer match
- Blue Cross Blue Shield *Blue Choice New England* \$1,000 deductible health insurance (35% employee co-share)
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental and Vision (35% employee co-share)