



Promoting Independence and Opportunities for People with Vision Loss.

## **Director of Assistive Technology Position Description**

### **About INSIGHT**

Founded in 1925 as the Rhode Island Association for the Blind, INSIGHT's mission is to inspire confidence, build skills and empower people who are blind and visually impaired to become fully integrated, equally valued members of society by providing diverse services that produce opportunities and choices.

In 2018, the agency provided services to 959 adults and children who are blind and visually impaired. These services included low vision evaluations, independent living skills training, orientation and mobility training, workshops, support groups, recreational activities, a summer youth camp, and a radio reading service.

### **Position Background**

This is a new position at INSIGHT that presents the selected candidate with the opportunity to help people of all ages who are living with vision loss to harness the power of assistive technology in order to increase their independence.

The Director of Assistive Technology will work with people individually and in small groups to evaluate their assistive technology needs, recommend specific technology solutions that may help the person to reach their independent living goals, and provide training and support to insure that the person is able to use the technology to its full potential.

The Director Assistive Technology will work with people at IN-SIGHT, in their homes, in their schools, at their workplaces, and in the community.

As IN-SIGHT has several clients who are quite adept at using assistive technology, the Director of Assistive Technology will harness that enthusiasm and knowledge through small group workshops, a tech users learning group, and peer mentoring.

As IN-SIGHT does not currently sell assistive technology, the Director of Assistive Technology will also maintain relationships with the various vision technology companies and dealers to keep updated on new products, arrange for periodic demonstrations of new equipment for IN-SIGHT clients, and help negotiate the best deals for our clients.

### **Essential Functions**

- Determines the nature of the client's needs by interviewing the client and assessing their independent living needs and their interest in a variety of assistive technology solutions.

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- Establishes a course of action by exploring options and setting goals with the client.
- Provides individual instruction to clients on the proper use of a variety of assistive technology solutions.
- Facilitates small group workshops focused on topics related to assistive technology including new and existing solutions.
- Maintains relationships with assistive technology companies and dealers to stay informed about new assistive technology solutions and to create opportunities for clients to experience new technology solutions.
- With consent from the client, offers support and resources for their families, caregivers, and friends who may be supporting the client with their assistive technology learning and use.
- Maintains a record of client interactions, goals, and progress.

### **Skills and Qualifications**

- Minimum BS Degree.
- At least 5 years of experience in vision rehabilitation, technology training, or a related field.
- 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.