

Pegasus Springs Therapeutic Riding Center



Job Opening: CTRS

(Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist)/Program & Volunteer Coordinator

Job Description

Exciting opportunity in Northeast Michigan! Pegasus Springs Therapeutic Riding Center (Pegasus Springs TRC) is a growing, federally registered 501(c)3 non-profit adaptive riding center offering Equine Assisted Services and seeking an ambitious Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) to assist our participants in unmounted and mounted activities. We are a faith-based agency, located in National City, MI and offer programming for children and adults with cognitive, emotional and physical disabilities in a nine (9) county area. We will be offering retreats for front line and emergency response workers as well as our existing veterans retreats and sessions. Pegasus Springs TRC is the only adaptive riding center in North East Michigan.

Our organization seeks a creative individual with *experience working around horses preferred*, to create all programming for individual, group and specialized school groups, and also assisting at-risk youth and other unique groups, including senior citizens from local nursing facilities. Emphasis is placed on inclusion and mainstreaming our participants in existing or newly created activities.

The qualifications listed below represent the minimum skills and experience levels associated with performing the duties and responsibilities contained in this job description. The qualifications should not be viewed as expressing absolute employment or promotional standards, but as general guidelines to be considered along with other job-related selection or promotional criteria. This list is not inclusive of the total scope of job functions to be performed.

Duties

Assess participant needs through medical records, clinical assessment, personal observation and discussion with family or guardian, then craft a carefully designed program targeted at improving the individual's emotional, physical and spiritual needs. Detailed documentation on client progress is also required. Ability to professionally communicate with outside mental health agencies and cultivate relationships with other organizations for the long-term success of Pegasus Springs TRC.

Additional duties include integrating some clients as they move into adulthood, the use of nature on our trails and sensory trail (designed and to be installed by the CTRS club at Central Michigan University this year). Must be able to collaborate with certified riding instructors and physical, occupational or speech therapists, as well as supervising CTRS interns to assist with all programs. The ideal candidate will be organized, have strong communication and interpersonal skills and initially manage our volunteer base for assistance with all activities and programming.

Requirements

Applicant must possess a Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation and/or have a CTRS certification through the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC). An Art Therapy degree is strongly desired.

Must exhibit a strong desire to assist individuals of all ages and possess creative thinking to design programs that encompass a thorough intake assessment of physical and cognitive abilities and engage these persons to allow for improvement in all aspects of their life through the use of art therapy/activities, Equine Assisted Learning & Activities and other outdoor events.

The job will require stamina, working in a barn around horses, walking or jogging in outdoor and indoor arena sand footing, walking trails and lake outings. As a key staff member, the applicant will be involved in all fundraising and community events. Salary range is \$16-\$20 per hour based on experience and qualifications. This is a full-time, year-round, hourly position with seasonal and flexible time off. Benefits package is negotiable.

*Submit application/resume to Pegasus Springs Therapeutic Riding Center,
4800 Old State Road, National City, MI 48748, or e-mail your resume to pegasusspringstrc@gmail.com.
This position will be posted on our website and social media until filled. **Applications are due April 15, 2022.**
In person or Zoom interviews take place late April thru early May, with start date no later than June 1, 2022*