



Mental Health Professional Position Description and Expectations 2019 Camp Season August 19-23, 2019

The Mental Health Professional plays an essential role during camp by supporting campers and the Camp Staff, and ensuring any necessary referrals for additional services for children are made after camp. This person will work in partnership with Camp Noah—LSSMN, the Site Coordinator, Team Leader, and Camp Staff to ensure a positive Camp Noah experience for all participants. Every Camp Noah will have a minimum of one Mental Health Professional (MHP) on staff; this professional can choose to volunteer or receive a stipend for his/her time. Camp Noah will take place at New Creation Lutheran, Philadelphia.

Characteristics of an effective Mental Health Professional:

1. Lives and/or works in the community to be served.
2. Desire to serve children, families, and communities affected by disaster.
3. Ability to work with adult volunteers, and children.
4. General understanding of what happened in the community, how people were impacted, and how the community was affected by the disaster/trauma event.
5. Ability to be on-site during the entire camp (including daily debriefing sessions).
6. Understanding of available mental health services and resources in the community, and ability to make referrals as necessary for campers and their families.
7. Follows all Camp Noah Policies and Procedures, and abides by the Camp Noah Guiding Principles.
8. Stipend is \$500

Qualifications for this position:

For Camp Noah purposes, a MHP is defined a provider who offers services for the purpose of improving an individual's mental health or to treat mental illness. This category includes psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, psychiatric nurses, mental health counselors as well as many other professionals. A minimum of a Master's degree in a related field is expected. Must be bilingual - Spanish and English.

Mental Health Professional Responsibilities:

Before Camp

- Successfully complete the Camp Noah training in a timely manner.
(Your Site Coordinator/Program Manager will provide additional information about this process.)
- Meet with the Site Coordinator before camp begins to review the camp schedule and any specific information about this camp or campers who are registered.

During Camp

During Camp Noah, the Mental Health Professional is expected at a **minimum**:

- To be present for every session/day of Camp Noah.
- To help facilitate Camp Staff debriefings after each session/day.
- To work in coordination with the Coordinator to identify campers with specific needs and inform Camp Staff of those needs as appropriate. The MHP will also assist the Camp Staff in identifying ways to best serve these children.
- To staff the "Healing Room" and to provide one-on-one (or if necessary small group) intervention work with children who are having behavioral issues or are identified by other staff members as having a



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difficult time processing their disaster related trauma.

- To help camp staff, community members and family members identify community support for individuals and families needing continued mental health services and connect these families to services.
- To maintain confidentiality and provide leadership to other camp staff on maintaining confidentiality.

After Camp

- Ensure that any concerns about campers or referrals for additional services are appropriately communicated to parents, and referrals are made in a timely manner. Coordinate with the Site Coordinator on this.

**Submit application by May 15, 2019 to
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