



Position: Caregiver Specialist

Primary Function: To provide outreach, community education and linkage to other service providers, the business community, religious and civic organizations in order to promote awareness and support of caregiver/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) issues. To provide individual comprehensive clinical support services, education and training to caregivers/GRGs.

Position Responsibilities:

- 1) Development of outreach plan to penetrate the Aging Care Connections service area. Outreach will focus on those community organizations that come in contact with older adults and their families.
- 2) Increase community awareness and support of caregiver/GRG issues.
- 3) Education and training of other professional staff, the community at large and service providers on caregiver/GRG issues.
- 4) Caregiver Specialist will attempt to recruit volunteers for caregiver/GRG activities and/or collaborate with volunteer organizations willing to support caregivers/GRGs.
- 5) Regular communication and coordination with the Countywide Caregiver Coordinator including attendance at AgeOptions meetings and training involving caregiver/GRG issues.
- 6) Conduct comprehensive assessment of care recipient needs within the home environment to include: cognitive function, physical health, ability to perform activities of daily living within the home environment, emotional well-being, social support and financial resources.
- 7) Conduct comprehensive (TCARE) assessment of caregiver/GRG needs to identify individual caregiver/GRG stressors.
- 8) Development of a caregiver/GRG intervention plan. Provide personalized tools and resources to support the caregiver/GRG which may include case management, counseling services, respite, gap-filling, etc. that promote healthy caregiving.
- 9) Facilitate monthly caregiver/GRG support groups, memory cafes, and evidence-based training and education series to caregivers/GRGs.
- 10) Assist with event planning for GRG families, including annual Back to School and Holiday events as needed.
- 11) To respect the caregiver's/GRG's right to self-determination and choice while maintaining confidentiality and professionalism at all times.
- 12) All other duties as assigned by Caregiver Support Program Supervisor and/or the Director of Social Services.

Qualifications:

- 1) Bachelor's degree in social work or related field.
- 2) Minimum two years' experience in a social service environment.
- 3) Ability to communicate effectively with individuals and groups.
- 4) Availability of an automobile for home visits.
- 5) Bilingual desired – Spanish preferred.

For More Information or to Apply: Contact Colleen Pelikant at cpelikant@agingcareconnections.org