

## **CONTRACTUAL OPPORTUNITY**

**Position: Guide By Your Side Parent Guide – Northern Region**

**Date Issued: November 13, 2017**

**Date Closed: November 27, 2017**

**Contract: \$12 an hour – up to 20 hours a month**

**Interviews will occur the week of November 27, 2017**

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

This **independent contractor** must be a parent or legal guardian of a child who is deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, or deaf with additional disabilities who will undergo specialized training to provide support to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. We are specifically looking for a Parent Guide to cover the northern region of Maine.

### **SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:**

All applicants must be a parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing

- able to distinguish between personal belief system and bias, and will never manipulate or skew information or input with a family.
- able to describe options for families in an unbiased manner consistent with the philosophy and mission of Maine Hands & Voices.
- able to support families with diverse backgrounds regardless of the educational and/or communication option they select in a manner that is consistent with unconditional positive regard.
- have knowledge of local and regional resources.
- have an understanding of the unique needs of infants and youth who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- have an understanding of the Birth to 3/ Child Development System, early childhood system and Part B/ Public Education system and be willing to work collaboratively with the IFSP and IEP team members.
- able to demonstrate comfort in supporting parents through the emotions associated with learning of their child's hearing condition.
- possess an understanding of the unique challenges faced by families where English is not the primary language

### **JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

- Some travel across the state.

- Flexible scheduling to meet the needs of the Program and to be able to contact families at a wide variety of times.
- If hired, must show proof of liability insurance before beginning work with families (paid for by GBYS funds)
- If hired, fingerprinting by the Maine Dept of Education required before beginning work with families.

**REQUIRED CONFERENCES/TRAININGS:**

- GBYS Training Dec. 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> in Falmouth
- National Hands & Voices Conference or National EHDl conference annually paid for by the program.
- Maine H&V Annual Conference

**Please send cover letter and resume sharing your experience with the above mentioned specialized knowledge and skills, along with your fingerprint certificate and proof of liability insurance to:**

**Doreen Spear, HR Generalist  
Maine Educational Center for the Deaf & HOH/Gov. Baxter School  
One Mackworth Island  
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