



Orientation & Mobility Specialist

[Join Our Team at DGCKids](#)

DGCKids empowers children who are blind or visually impaired and their families through early intervention, family support, youth programs, and vision screening. We create opportunities for children to grow, connect, and thrive with their families and community.

[Position Summary](#)

Orientation and Mobility Specialists at DGCKids support the learning and development of infants and toddlers (primarily birth to three years old) who are blind or visually impaired and their families. Our early intervention service model is family-centered and involves a holistic, multidisciplinary team approach to bringing critical resources to children, their families, and caregivers during the early years of development.

[Responsibilities](#)

- Conducts orientation and mobility assessments.
- Plans, develops and implements individualized services to children in the home, at DGCKids and in the community.
- Works closely with parents and team members to ensure high quality and coordinated service delivery.
- Help children who are blind or have a visual impairment become confident as they move purposefully, independently, and safely through their environment.
- Provides oral and written reports of assessments, treatments, and progress updates to parents, team members and management including maintaining client files in compliance with DGCKids requirements.
- Stays current on best practices, evidence-based interventions, emerging trends and technologies by reviewing professional journals and research, participating in professional associations, and/or attending workshops and conferences.
- Knowledge of and creating a variety of canes and pre-canes.



Qualifications

- Certified Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP).
- Valid Missouri or Illinois teacher of the visually impaired certification preferred but not required.
- Possess strong interpersonal communication skills with children and families from diverse backgrounds and with other professionals.
- Capable of meeting deadlines and seeking supervisory consultation when necessary.
- Ability to organize effectively, function independently, and collaborate as part of a team.
- Demonstrate flexibility in scheduling to meet the needs of families and programming.
- Ability and willingness to travel independently to provide home and community-based services as assigned.
- Experience working with young children with visual impairments and/or related experience in a family-centered home or community-based setting is preferred.

Reports to

Senior Director of Programs

Terms of Employment

- PRN
- Must have a car and maintain a valid driver's license, auto insurance and acceptable driving record to meet travel requirements of service area.
- Must complete continuing education and maintain required certifications.
- Background check, drug screen and health certification completed upon offer of employment.
- Must be physically able to lift or move 30-50 pounds; push/pull and lift equipment and supplies; assist children by bending, crouching, kneeling, sitting in chairs and/or on floor and reaching in all directions, and stand, sit or drive for long periods



Benefits

DGCKids is an equal opportunity employer and offers benefits (according to employment classification), including:

- Defined contribution pension and tax-deferred annuity plans.
- Professional development opportunities: educational reimbursement, conferences, and training.
- Mileage reimbursement.

To Apply

1. Submit a cover letter explaining why you are interested in this position and how your personality, skills, and professional experience make you the ideal candidate for the position outlined in the job description.
2. Submit a resume outlining your professional experience and achievements, education, and relevant training and credentials.
3. Email cover letter and resume to **lrohr@dgckids.org**