



Summer Social Worker, Dedham, MA

Organization Overview

Horizons at Dedham Country Day School (DCD) is an award-winning program that helps eradicate summer learning loss and the opportunity gap in the Greater Boston area. Modeled after the national Horizons Student Enrichment Program, Horizons' intensive six-week summer program is designed to prevent summer decline in academic performance and close the opportunity gap. Working in partnership with Horizons families, sending schools in Dedham and Boston, and the partner school, Horizons at DCD is committed to developing the whole child and offers activities that promote higher-level thinking and perspective, leadership development and boost self-efficacy – all while raising student aspirations and expectations for their lives. For more information about Horizons, please visit www.horizonsdcd.org.

Position Summary

Horizons at DCD is seeking a dedicated and effective Social Worker with a dynamic talent for creating and nurturing a lifelong love of learning in children. We are looking for a talented, passionate, caring professional who will work as a team player to support this vibrant program, fulfill the Horizons mission, and create a joyous, inclusive, inspiring and educational culture. The Summer Social Worker will work with teaching teams and students to support student SEL growth. They will be supported by the Program Coordinator and Executive Director. It is our hope that Horizons summer staff members will return to the program for more than one summer as we continue to work together, support our students, and build the program and the community.

The position is a seasonal full time during the six weeks of the program. **The 2023 program will run from June 26th - August 4th.**

Pre-Summer Orientation is on June 3rd.

Additional pre-summer training and orientation days are required.

Essential Job Functions:

- Address the psychological and social well-being of students
- Provide information and counseling and help students, parents and school staff work together to solve problems by communicating and providing referrals to other resources
- Help students function effectively at Horizons
- Assess areas in which students may require assistance or counseling
- Assist in remediation by providing treatment plans or counseling
- Participate in daily meals with the students, attend Family Night and Faculty Meetings, and other duties that may be required.

- Document all check-ins with students and keep track of student growth and interventions during the summer.
- Work with teaching teams to develop behavioral action plans for students with behavioral challenges.
- Plan and lead affinity groups for middle school students to talk about issues regarding identity and social justice.
- Willingness to drive to and from local field trips.
- Training Teachers on SEL student support.
- Required to attend an orientation session in early June.

Qualifications:

- A strong desire to help make a difference in the lives of students from Dedham and Boston
- Experience working with elementary aged children
- Proven work experience as a social worker
- Working knowledge of social theories and practices
- Ability to build and maintain professional helping relationships
- Ability to relate and communicate with diverse population and groups
- BS degree in social work (BSW), psychology or sociology
- Proven ability to relate well to diverse children and families and engage with school-age children of all ages.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, organizational and time management skills. Leadership experience and ability to work as a member of a multidisciplinary team.

To apply please send resume, cover letter and three references to
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Social Worker Pay: 250/day

Horizons at Dedham Country Day School is an equal opportunity employer.