

# north shore senior center

**JOB TITLE:** Caregiver Specialist

**EMPLOYER:** North Shore Senior Center

**FLSA STATUS:** Exempt

**LOCATION:** Arthur C. Nielsen, Jr. Campus in Northfield, IL

**PT/FT:** FT (35 hours/week)

Are you passionate about serving older adults? Would you like to make a difference in the lives of those we serve? If you answered yes, then you will enjoy working at North Shore Senior Center! We are in search of a caring and compassionate Caregiver Specialist to join our team. We are looking for someone who will bring their experience and passion to support the independence and well-being of older adults.

NSSC is a small non-profit social services agency with just over 100 employees. For the third year in a row, Chicago Tribune has recognized NSSC as a Top Workplace in the Chicagoland area. We work hard to foster a very supportive work environment that promotes a healthy work-life balance. We invest in the training and support of new employees as they start in this new role. Additionally, NSSC provides 18 hours of continuing education opportunities annually.

**SUMMARY:** The Caregiver Specialist links the older person, caregiver(s) of the older person, grandparents raising grandchildren, social services staff and community members with training and educational opportunities, emotional, financial and social service resources to support the family caregivers.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provides outreach to businesses, religious and community organizations, libraries, schools, and other appropriate areas in the community.
- Assures that information is available on agency's web page and advertises e-mail address so potential clients can receive information.
- Serves as agency's resource on caregiver issues and services, will ensure that all care coordinators use standardized assessment tools.
- Assists care coordinators with respite and caregiver issues.
- Attends quarterly meetings called by AgeOptions.
- Facilitates and cultivates relationships with respite providers for inclusion in AgeOptions respite registry.
- Provides case management services to caregivers in the office and in the participants' homes (residences in elevator and non-elevator buildings).
- Completes an assessment of each caregiver participant and develops a care plan utilizing required forms.
- Implements and monitors care plans, coordinating community resources with other supportive services.
- Completes statistical data and all required paperwork in a timely manner.
- Facilitates support groups and educational events, including Memory Café.
- Works with Volunteer Services Coordinator to recruit volunteers for caregiver activities, which may include respite, mentoring, friendly visiting and transportation.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Master's Degree (MA, MSW) in social work, counseling or a related social services field
- Two years' experience in providing social services for older adults
- Computer skills required: Microsoft Office Suite; ability to learn internal proprietary database
- Sensitivity to cultural diversity
- Current driver's license and access to a vehicle
- Available to occasionally work evenings and weekends to meet caregiver needs
- Other skills/certifications preferred:
  - Knowledge of dementia
  - Group facilitation experience
  - Current CPR/AED and First Aid Certification

**To be considered for this position, please send your resume and salary requirements to [hr@nssc.org](mailto:hr@nssc.org).**

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