



**Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®**  
Toronto

**Child Life Specialist  
Full time, permanent position  
January 10, 2019**

## **The Organization**

Since 1981, Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) Toronto has served as a place to call home for families with seriously ill children undergoing treatment. RMHC Toronto encompasses a House for 81 families in downtown Toronto and seven Family Rooms in hospitals across the Greater Toronto Area and in Sudbury. The families we serve – 5,139 last year alone – come from throughout Ontario, across Canada and around the world.

## **Job Summary**

Reporting to the Family Services Manager, the Child Life Specialist will work with seriously ill children, adolescents and their siblings to ease the anxiety and stress that come with their illness. The Child Life Specialist will help ease the trauma of being ill or having a sibling who is ill by providing interaction, play and relaxation. The Child Life Specialist assists all family members in coping with the stress of their situation.

## **Hours**

Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., 35 hours per week. Flexibility will be required from time to time.

## **Responsibilities**

- Manage daily Child Life programming including, but not limited to, Lunch Club, Toddler Time, group Child Life sessions and Camp (seasonal)
- Coordinate volunteer workforce including recruitment, training and ongoing support
- Provide Child Life support that includes helping family members to understand medical procedures, explaining to them what to expect, supporting them with the grieving process and with their expression of feelings
- Support general programming and activities

## **Qualifications**

- Certification as a Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS)
- Ability to work well with children and adults under stress
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, small-team environment
- Ability to work with and supervise volunteers

### **Technical Skills**

- Knowledge of behaviour and development
- Leadership skills
- Good communications skills
- Knowledge and understanding of group dynamics and its principles
- Ability to organize
- Ability to play

### **Interpersonal Skills**

- Sensitivity
- Ability to listen and work closely with adults and children
- Self-awareness
- Creative expression
- Spontaneity
- Independence
- Flexibility

All interested individuals are invited to submit their application referencing ***Child Life Specialist*** with a letter of introduction, a resume and salary expectations on or before January 25, 2019 to [jobs@rmhctoronto.ca](mailto:jobs@rmhctoronto.ca).

The successful applicant will need to undergo and pass a Vulnerable Sector Screening police check.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto embraces diversity and encourages all qualified applicants to apply.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those candidates who have been selected for an interview will be contacted.