

Psychosocial Provider

Description

Our psychosocial volunteers are professionals that provide psychosocial care and guide the patient and family through the surgical experience. They utilize their knowledge of child development to ease patient fears and anxieties by explaining and demonstrating every aspect of care. They facilitate therapeutic play and activities, working with parents, and act as the child's and family's advocate in the often confusing world of the hospital.

Psychosocial Provider Volunteer Roles

1. Psychosocial Provider (PSP)
 2. Psychosocial Provider Associate (PSP-A)
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Minimum Qualifications (All Roles)

All applicants must meet the following general requirements:

- Experience working with children and families in healthcare, education, or community settings.
 - Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
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Role-Specific Requirements

1. Psychosocial Provider (PSP)

- Bachelor's degree or higher in child life, psychology, education, or related field.
- Valid certification/licensure as a Child Life Specialist, Hospital Play Specialist, Psychologist, or Teacher (as applicable).
- Minimum of 2 years or 4,000 hours of professional experience.
- Current or prior work in pediatric healthcare, education, or psychosocial settings.

2. Psychosocial Provider Associate (PSP-A)

- Must reside in an LMIC and demonstrate cultural and language competency.
 - Completed coursework in child development, family systems, or trauma/stress.
 - Hands-on experience working with children and families.
 - Bachelor's degree or certification preferred but not required.
 - Must work under the direct supervision of a credentialed PSP.
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Application Requirements (All Roles)

Applicants must submit the following:

- Completed Operation Smile Volunteer Application.
- Current curriculum vitae (CV) in English detailing education and professional experience.
- Relevant degrees, transcripts, certificates, and/or licensure.
- Background check as required by the Foundation office.