



THERAPEUTIC TUTORS

Smart Love Family Services is seeking part-time tutors to be trained as therapeutic tutors to work primarily helping children ages 6 – 12 with homework and learning concerns at our Chicago and Oak Park locations.

Smart Love Family Services is a non-profit organization that helps children, adolescents, and parents achieve greater inner well-being, sustain closer relationships, and reach their full potential in life. Grounded in the research-based Smart Love™ model, our comprehensive services include counseling, parent seminars and coaching, assessments and testing, therapeutic tutoring, and early childhood education programs.

Therapeutic Tutoring is a unique approach to tutoring which holistically addresses a student's academic, emotional, and social challenges. In addition to helping a child understand and complete school assignments, therapeutic tutoring allows the student to share and address any experiences, thoughts, and feelings which may contribute to their academic difficulties. The combination of both therapeutic and tutoring approaches can significantly increase motivation, confidence and perseverance while lessening anxiety and other emotional barriers to learning.

Key Responsibilities:

- Apply the Smart Love™ approach in order to address the student's academic, social, and emotional challenges
- Establish the goals of therapeutic tutoring with students and parents
- Plan creative activities that reinforce what students learn in school and assist students in completing schoolwork/homework
- Acknowledge the student's effort and their willingness to share their difficulties
- Provide caring reflections and encourage the student to rely on the therapeutic tutoring relationship
- Build trust and rapport with students
- Communicate with parents and teachers
- Participate in orientation training and ongoing support and supervision
- Complete notes and other written documents accurately and on a timely basis

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Graduate degree (or pursuing) required in at least one of the following programs: education, special education, early childhood education, or a related field
- Classroom teaching or tutoring experience required
- Openness to learning and applying the Smart Love™ model
- Warm, friendly, and fun personality
- Ability to work after-school hours, nights, and/or Saturday mornings
- Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to follow through and keep current with notes and other written documents.

Interested candidates, please submit a letter of interest, resume, three references and transcripts to: Dr. Kari Terrill, via email: Kari.Terrill@smartlovefamily.org. To learn more, visit www.smartlovefamily.org – and <https://www.smartlovefamily.org/what-is-smart-love>. Smart Love Family Services is an equal opportunity employer.