



THERAPEUTIC TUTORS – FREELANCE

Smart Love Family Services is seeking freelance tutors local to the Chicagoland area to be trained as therapeutic tutors to work primarily helping children ages 6 – 14 with schoolwork and learning concerns. Tutoring takes place in-person according to agency COVID-19 policy and remotely as needed. Enjoy the support and guidance of our experienced staff while you focus on your students.

Smart Love Family Services helps children and their 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 child 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 decrease a child's anxiety and increase their motivation. Additionally, attention and concentration can improve and untapped strengths can be discovered and fostered.

Key Responsibilities:

- Apply the Smart Love™ approach in order to address the student's academic, social, and emotional challenges
- Build trust and rapport with students
- Establish the goals of therapeutic tutoring with students and parents
- Plan creative activities that reinforce what students learn in school
- 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 relationship
- Coordinate and carry out regularly scheduled parent phone check-ins and meetings
- Collaborate with teachers and counselors on student progress
- Complete notes and reports accurately and on a timely basis
- Meet regularly with program supervisor to review student progress
- Meet monthly with TT team for student consultation

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Bachelors or Masters required in at least one of the following fields: education, special education, early childhood education, or related field.
- Classroom or tutoring experience
- Openness to learning and applying the Smart Love™ model
- Warm, friendly, and creative personality
- Ability work after-school hours, nights, and/or Saturdays
- Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work remotely and navigate virtual platforms

Interested candidates, please submit a letter of interest, resume, three references and transcripts to alison.pildner@smartlovefamily.org. To learn more, visit www.smartlovefamily.org, <https://www.smartlovefamily.org/what-is-smart-love>, and <https://www.smartlovefamily.org/smart-love-therapeutic-tutoring>.

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