

ILS Advocate Position Job Preview



Example of a Typical ILS Advocate Shift

"There is not a "typical" day as a CLP Advocate. Every day is different and can be unpredictable. Although I have the flexibility to make my own schedule, this can have its challenges too. I have to consider my clients' schedule, appointments of all of my clients, meetings, open business hours, etc. Just when I think I have my week's schedule figured out, something can change, and I have to adjust. I have anywhere from 10-20 clients on my caseload. Each individual's hours that I am able to provide training is based on the client's needs. The average monthly hours that I receive to work with clients is around 15 hours. I consider each client's schedule, attention span, and needs and schedule my training times accordingly. Sometimes I may meet one day a week for several hours; some clients I may need to meet with several days a week for fewer hours, and others are on an "on-call" basis. The areas in which I provide training with each client depends on the needs of the client. I train in any area that provides daily living skills in order for the individual to live an independent lifestyle. For example, I may help locate affordable housing and budget with one client, then menu plan, cook and clean while role-playing communication skills with the next. The areas in which I am able to provide training and support in are cooking, cleaning, shopping in natural environments, menu planning, meal preparation, money management, mobility training, personal health and hygiene, self-advocacy, independent recreation, and participation in natural environments, use of medical and dental resources, community resource awareness and home and community safety. The training is provided within the client's home and within the community.

Employee Testimonials

"I chose to work at Summer House because I wanted to be part of a team that helps others reach their full potential. I enjoyed that I was able to teach clients something new everyday, while also gaining knowledge for myself. This experience has set me up for success as a future nurse practitioner and I thank Summer House for being a large contributor to my future goals." -Anu Gill

"Working at Summer House was an influential part of my story as to why I pursued a career in medicine. As a current medical student at UC Davis School of Medicine, being a caregiver at Summer House has taught me how to see my clients as unique individuals beyond their pathologies which is a lesson in patient-centered care that I'll carry with me for the rest of my life." -Kevin Gines

It all started when I was a volunteer for Woodland summer recreation program. I helped out with swimming and crafts. I then worked in a group home in Ukiah in the 80s. I moved to Oregon and I was a mail carrier for 17 years. I moved back to California in 2016. My life then came full circle where I am employed with Summerhouse. I absolutely love my clients and my job. This job isn't taking me to a career but to my retirement, (whenever that may be) This job fills my heart with joy. -Lisa Twisselman

Pros & Cons of ILS Advocate Position

Pros

- Supportive Team Environment
- Hands on Experience in Social Service Field
- Positive Work Environment
- Rewarding
- Set Schedule that works with your availability
- Career Growth Opportunities
- Schedule-Can be less flexibility than other jobs
- Can have high staff turnover
- Rate of Pay largely is dependent on State set reimbursement

Cons

- Can be very physical & hands on at times

Summer House Benefits

- Sick & Vacation Benefits
- Holiday Pay
- Paid Trainings
- Great Health Benefits
- Vision, Dental, Medical, AFLAC
- Retirement
- Regular Pay Increases
- Life Insurance