Social Services Director - LTC/SNF Experience is Required

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Job ID
2015-1606

Company
Woodhaven Care Center

Location
US-PA-Monroeville

# of Openings
1

Posted Date
7/24/2015

Category
Management

Type
Regular Full-Time

Education Level
Bachelor's Degree

Experience Needed
3-5 years

Salary Info
Based on Experience

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Overview:

Social Services Director Needed for Monroeville Skilled Nursing Facility

Nestled in the woods near Forbes Regional Hospital, Woodhaven Care Center is one of Monroeville's best kept secrets. A rural setting in an urban location, the Center is just five minutes from Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 6 for easy access from any region around Pittsburgh. Woodhaven Care Center is a 120-bed Skilled Nursing Center with an 18-bed Specialty Care Unit offering a new web-based Wound Care Program.

The center seeks a Social Services Director to oversee all social services for Woodhaven, including the evaluation of individual resident's social needs and devising comprehensive care plans accordingly. The Social Services Director will be a critical cross-departmental link at Woodhaven, working with medical and non-medical personnel to support residents in a comprehensive way, and ensure top quality total-patient care.

Responsibilities:
Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Managing the overall social services program for Woodhaven, including internal matters, as well as community/civic health projects
- Developing and maintaining social services objectives and standards along with specific policies and procedures for the center
- Establishing and implementing a method of assessing the social and emotional needs of each resident, and ensuring the social services component of care plans are developed and implemented
- Providing alternatives to drug therapy and/or restraints by understanding/communicating reasons behind resident behavior, and developing compassionate plans to serve all parties’ needs
- Aiding in discharge services, including community congregate living outreach, intake services for those returning home and transitions to hospice care
- Making arrangements for adaptive equipment, personal items and clothing, as needed
- Maintaining contact with families and providing updates to residents’ condition and progress, with patient permission
- Assisting residents with legal and financial matters, such as applying for pension, lawyer referrals and aiding with funeral/preplanning arrangements
- Developing and executing in-service training for relevant personnel
- Providing counseling/support for residents’ families

Qualifications:

Applicants must understand the foundation of eldercare support, and display extreme empathy, compassion and patience at all times. The successful candidate will have previous experience in geriatrics/gerontology, and have worked in a health care facility or in medical social work. A bachelor’s degree in social work or a related field is required, but a MSW is highly preferred. Long term care / skilled nursing facility experience is required.