Community Care Director

Under the supervision of the Camp Life Director, the Community Care Director is the primary professional responsible for the behavioral and social-emotional success of campers and staff at CYJ Midwest. The Community Care Director serves as a central case worker, facilitating communication as needed between the merakzim (unit heads), assistant directors, director, Health Center and parents. The Community Care Director is expected to present themselves with integrity and dugma ishit (as a personal example) in and outside of camp.

Specific responsibilities of the Community Care Director include:

Before the season:

- Conversations with parents and campers based on camper profile forms and previous discussions with assistant directors and director
- Draft behavioral plans and contracts with campers who need
- Provide outreach to camper’s support network (psychologists, social workers, etc)
- Work with leadership team on staff training, including a training session for staff helping them understand their role in our camper care system
- Work with Camp Life Directors on updating camper and staff evaluation forms, along with daily check in forms

During the season:

- Assist counselors and unit heads in problem solving cases wherein campers need special support
- Serve as an emotional resource to staff when needed
- Communicate with parents along with the director to keep discussions open regarding camper challenges
- Professional development training for staff in camper care and self-care
- Attend eidah staff meetings regularly
- Record important notes in a timely manner through camp database
- Facilitate discussions, when needed between counselors, unit heads and leadership staff, as a mediator

Full job description is available here.

Qualifications include:

- Graduate or higher level degree in a mental health field; previous experience in a camp, school or similar setting preferred.
- Experience with children, teenagers, and adult mental, social, and emotional health
- Must be able to think critically and act swiftly in high stress situations
- Attention to detail in documentation and maintaining records
- Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills and comfort in communicating with children, young adults, and parents
- Must be caring, empathetic, patient, hardworking, and diligent professional who takes initiative and is creative, enthusiastic, open-minded and high-energy
- Must have ability to function both independently and as part of a team

Dates: June 7-August 12, 2022. 10-15 hours a week starting in March until the full season begins.

Please send resume to Rachel Ruskin, Camp Life Director, at rachel@cyjmid.org.