



The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth  
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## JOB DESCRIPTION: SCHOOL-BASED CREATIVE ARTS THERAPIST

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**Title:** School-Based Creative Arts Therapist (Dance/Movement, Music, or Visual Arts)

**FLSA:** Exempt

**Reports To:** Chief Clinical Officer

**Organization Summary:** The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth (“TLC”) is a social enterprise company serving the Greater Philadelphia Area for over 50 years. Founded in 1970 and incorporated in 1983, TLC is an entrepreneurial nonprofit providing innovative education, coaching, and counseling services to public school students and their families. For more information, please visit <https://TheLincolnCenter.com>

**Position Summary:** The School-Based Creative Arts Therapist will work with K-12 students who have experienced anxiety, trauma, depression, post-traumatic stress, and other behavioral or mental health challenges. It is preferred that the therapist specialize in dance/movement therapy; however, other acceptable modalities include visual arts, music, or other related therapies (drama, poetry, recreational)

**Duties & Responsibilities:**

- Identify students in need of trauma support and to provide prevention, screening, referral and treatment services to students potentially in need of services.
- Provide trauma-informed therapy and counseling interventions (group, individual and/or family) for at-risk students, with a focus on creative arts modalities.
- Provide mentoring and other intervention models to children and their families who have experienced trauma or are at risk of experiencing trauma, including those who are low-income, homeless, in foster care, involved in the criminal justice system, unemployed, experiencing a mental illness or substance abuse disorder or not enrolled in or at risk of dropping out of an educational institution.
- Provide case management for students and families requiring multiple resources.
- Provide quality trauma support and behavioral health care services.
- In summer months, provide home-based services, if/when required, to the families of students who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing trauma, including those who are low-income, homeless, involved in the child welfare system or involved in the juvenile justice system.

**Skills & Knowledge:**

- Strong client relationship-building skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work effectively on a multi-treatment team
- Strong organizational skills
- Detail oriented
- Proficient in numerous clinical interventions
- Knowledge of and ability to access community resources

- Education and Experience:**
- Master's degree required in counseling, psychology, or related field
  - Required creative arts therapy certification such as Dance/Movement Therapist (DMT or BC-DMT), Registered Arts Therapist (ATR or ATR-BC), Music Therapist (MT or BC-MT), or other related creative arts certifications
  - Expertise in providing creative arts therapy to all age groups; proficient in numerous clinical interventions such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
  - Knowledge of and ability to access community resources; strong trauma intervention skills

**Other Duties:** Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

**Work Environment:** One or more school locations during academic school year; virtual services, home, and community locations during the summers

**Work Hours:** This is a full-time, 40 hours per week, position. Evening and/or weekend work can be expected as well as the sudden need for crisis intervention.

**Travel:** Travel to the designated school, various homes, and community settings within the designated school district.

**EEO Statement:** TLC is committed to a policy of Equal Employment Opportunity and will not discriminate on any legally recognized basis, including, but not limited to, race, age, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, citizenship, ancestry, physical or mental disability, veteran status, or any other basis recognized by federal, state or local law.