

Autism Life Skills Coach and Direct Support Specialist

Seeking an individual to provide education, companionship, and support to a 22-year-old young woman, Anna, with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum/Communication Disorder. Anna is a Gestalt Language Processor (GLP), using videos and gestalts to communicate. Special education/BCBA/SLP experience is a plus but not required.

Anna is a sweet and kind young woman with a strong will and a wonderful sense of humor. She graduated from a specialized education program at The Children's Center for Communication | Beverly School for the Deaf in November 2024. Anna benefits from a reward system and requires support to stay on task. Her preferred activities include technology, music, and art. Anna enjoys community outings, BrainPOP and yoga. Her favorite food is pizza. Anna has volunteered with My Brother's Table, Arlington Eats, and Cape Ann Animal Aid. Anna currently volunteers with Happy Hope Foundation assembling dental kits for children in need.

General responsibilities: plan, organize & implement weekly schedule and activities; provide enrichment through assistance with volunteer opportunities; community engagement; support of recreational activities and life skills training; assist with maintaining communication and social skills; provide appropriate behavioral support.

Schedule to include community outings, ASL, and STEAM, as appropriate; volunteer work, health & fitness, leisure and field trips.

Pay: \$35 per hour

Location: Classroom setting at the Sanborn House in Winchester

Schedule: Flexible, 15-20 hours per week beginning September 2025
(Current Schedule: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday/9 am – 2 pm)

If interested in learning more about this opportunity, please call/text Barbara @ 617-605-2446

Sample Weekly Schedule:

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
9:00-9:30	Morning Meeting, Calendar & Plan for the day	Morning Meeting, Calendar & Plan for the day	Morning Meeting, Calendar & Plan for the day
9:30-10:00	Snack/leisure	Snack/leisure	Snack/leisure
10:00-11:00	ASL	Community Outing	STEAM/Brain Pop
11:00-12:00	Art	Happy Hope Kits	Planning Time
12:00-12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-2:00	Specials: Walk, Monthly Library Outing, Monthly N2Y, Games, Dance Party	Specials: Walk, Monthly Library Outing, Monthly N2Y, Games, Dance Party	Specials: Walk, Monthly Library Outing, Monthly N2Y, Games, Dance Party
End of Day	Swiffer	Wipe Table & Water Plants	Trash