

## JOB: CAREGIVER

### ROLE:

We're looking for someone **highly energetic** and fun that can keep our 3.5-year-old autistic son engaged and entertained. He's a very active, high-energy and curious boy that needs a lot of input, both physically and mentally, to maintain regulation. He loves a lot of movement and heavy work and also learning new things. His caregiver will need to be able to follow his lead on preferred type of activities and find fun, creative ways to keep him engaged. Prefer an individual participating in an occupational therapy program or experience with or knowledge of autism. However, we've had great caregivers with experience in neither, so we're open to anyone that's the right fit.

### PERSONALITY:

Silly, fun, energetic, assertive, not afraid to be goofy and very vocal. This is a critical part of the role for our son. We've tried various caregivers and the individuals that are shy, passive and quiet are not able to keep him engaged and he seeks the company of his parents instead.

### EXPECTATIONS:

- Create obstacle course with available home equipment
- Play hide-n-seek, tickles, rough house play, pillow fights/squishes
- Incorporate heavy work (we will provide examples, but expect the caregiver to get creative creating their own versions over time). Here are a few examples:
  - Running & crashing on the crash pad
  - Movement with weighted balls
  - Push pillows through a tunnel
  - Skipping/Running/Jumping down the hallway
- Play puzzles and games and help him learn how to interact with peers
- Read books, incorporate light reading, counting, and addition into play
- Feed snacks or dinner
- Enforce and help with clean-up of toys after play
- Incorporate OT related home program from current therapists

### PAY:

\$20-\$25/hr based on experience and fit

### LOCATION/TIME:

Tustin, CA (next to Peter's Canyon)

Part-time role (12-20 hrs/week)

Weeknights (5-8:30 pm) and weekends (flexible on time)

NOTE: Willing to be flexible on the days of the week and time(s) over the weekend. We would like to have a consistent schedule, but can be flexible on days/times as things arise and given 1-2 days notice.

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