

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Optometrist

Who we are:

For more than 100 years, Infant Welfare Society of Chicago (IWS) has pioneered innovative healthcare practices in treating Chicago's most vulnerable populations. It began as a series of "milk stations" to provide nutritional support to combat high rates of infant mortality. In 1924, it incorporated child development and behavioral health counseling, and since 1970, it has provided pediatric dentistry services. Orthodontic care was introduced in 1991, pediatric optometry in 1995, and speech, occupational and vision therapies began in 2015. In 2005, IWS opened the doors of the Angel Harvey Family Health Center in a beautiful 42,000 square foot LEED Silver certified building. In doing so, we created a healthcare home where quality care is provided to everyone who enters our center.

What we do:

The Angel Harvey Family Health Center is a full-service community-based clinic that offers a broad spectrum of medical, dental, optometry, behavioral health and child development services under one roof. This "one-stop-shop" ensures barrier-free access and provides a multi-service healthcare home for children and families in Chicago and the surrounding areas.

Position Responsibilities

- Examine eyes, using observation, instruments and pharmaceutical agents, to determine visual acuity and perception, focus and coordination and to diagnose diseases and other abnormalities such as glaucoma or color blindness.
- Check for signs and symptoms of general health conditions (e.g. diabetes);
- Communicate with patients to get detailed case histories;
- Use specialist equipment for diagnosis and treatment
- Analyze test results and develop a treatment plan.
- Prescribe eyeglasses and other vision aids.
- Prescribe medications to treat eye diseases if state laws permit.
- Educate and counsel patients on visual hygiene, lighting arrangements and safety factors.



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- Write referral notices to doctors; either within clinic or outside IWS.
- Consult with and refer patients to ophthalmologist or other health care practitioner if additional medical treatment is determined necessary.
- Remove foreign bodies from the eye
- Provide patients undergoing eye surgeries with pre- and post-operative care.
- Prescribe therapeutic procedures to correct or conserve vision.
- Refer patients for vision therapy and low vision rehabilitation.
- Participate in Quality Assurance Assessments periodically.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Licensed Optometrist
- Current Illinois License
- Personality characteristics of patience, integrity, and approachability.

