Child Caregiver/Therapist

I am looking for a caregiver/therapist for my 8 year old daughter. She has a diagnosis of mild autism and ADHD. She was diagnosed with autism at the age of 16 months, and with intensive therapies has made tremendous and steady progress. She is sweet, affectionate, determined, and has a wonderful sense of humor.

This position will involve:

- Working with her after school 1-2 workdays per week, from 4:15PM until approximately 8:00 to 9:30PM
- Additional hours on the weekend may also be available
- Total hours per week could range from 6 to 20 hours
- Working with her in the home and in the community; you will receive training from her speech therapist and her mother, who is a practicing Psychiatrist
- Being in contact with her teacher, and providing her teacher with any information or insights that could be useful to her
- Attending and participating in her IEP (Individualized Education Plan) meetings at school
- Providing feedback on her progress and aiding in planning and implementing tools and activities that further her progress and support her towards independence

Training you will receive includes:

- Relationship Development Intervention techniques
- DIR/Floortime techniques
- Occupational therapy techniques including sensory integration and fine motor work

Qualifications:

- Motivated to learn a variety of therapeutic techniques, and able to implement these techniques and tools in daily interactions with my daughter
- Energetic, playful, and with a wonderful sense of humor
- Creative; able to take the initiative with your own ideas about activities and tools that will support my daughter towards independence
- Honest, reliable, strong work ethic, responsible
- Able to manage and attend to many details

Because of the extensive training involved, and because my daughter gets attached to her caregivers, I ask for a minimum of a 1 year commitment. Pay rate is $12 per hour.

If you are interested in this position, please email Melinda Edwards at edwardsmin@yahoo.com. Include a current resume and explain what it is about the position that interests you, the qualities you have that will make you a wonderful caregiver for my daughter, and a description of any related work, school, or volunteer experience you may have.