

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FACT SHEET

POSITION: Head Start Program Specialist (Mental Health & Disabilities)
LOCATION: Malvern Operations Office
HOURS: 8:00am - 4:30pm
FULL-TIME: X
VACANCY NOTICE: 02/09/21
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open Until Filled
DATE POSITION TO BE FILLED: As Soon As Possible
SALARY: \$ 18.64 per Hour

JOB DUTIES:

Develop procedures to evaluate children for determining mental health needs and related services assuring timely screenings.

Serve as an advocate for children with special needs and their families providing support through the referral and diagnostic process. Assure accessibility of appropriate equipment, materials, access to needed services and assure an environment to foster the maximum development of each child's potential.

Develop and implement individual education plans suited for child.

Coordinate training and technical assistance to staff, parents, volunteers and others as it relates to mental health needs of the child.

Assist with development and monitoring the implementation of mental health activities within the classroom.

Be knowledgeable of treatment strategies in the area of child behavior management, to assist staff with recommendations for dealing with inappropriate behaviors.

Serve as a member of the CADC EHS/HS/ABC School Readiness and Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Management Team in order to coordinate and plan for the program to provide a comprehensive and quality program for children and families.

Monitor the assigned content area(s) while informing and collaborating with the management, as well as collaborating with other Program Specialists and staff in order to ensure quality within program which includes but is not limited to: conducting site visits/classroom observations as assigned to ensure effective on-going monitoring; review/monitor reports from center staff

Plan, coordinate, implement and manage all aspects of the assigned content area.

Keep up-to-date and knowledgeable of programmatic issues while ensuring compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, funding requirements, assurances, policies and procedures.

Follow, interpret to create program plans with guidance and direction from the management, implement with fidelity all Head Start Program Performance Standards, Arkansas Better Chance Regulations and Requirements, as well as Arkansas Minimum Licensing Requirements for Child Care Centers in order to ensure program compliance and quality.

Ensure that the adopted curriculum and supplemental curricula are followed and implemented with fidelity in all EHS/HS/ABC classrooms. Monitor the education staff to ensure that the observations of children are documented in order to ensure the fidelity of the input of child assessment data to make certain that classroom outcome data is accurate.

Monitor education staff to ensure that child assessment outcomes are entered into program data base systems in a timely manner and as assigned.

Ensure that children are provided with a learning environment and activities to help them develop physically, socially, emotionally, and cognitively.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university; in any field and coursework equivalent to a major relating to early childhood education with experience teaching preschool-age children or related field for position as required by funding source(s) with equivalent training and experience required.

EXPERIENCE NEEDED: Must have excellent computer and oral/written communication skills, the ability to multi-task, handle; sensitive/confidential information and work in a fast paced environment. This position requires travel to provide assistance over the agency's 5-county service area and willing to attend individual or group training sessions on the local, state or national level.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Pre-Employment Drug Screening and Criminal Background Check. Regularly must lift and/or move up to 25 lbs. and occasionally up to 50 lbs.

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