



Health Educator-Preventing ACES Post COVID

Summary of Position: Under the immediate supervision of the VP of Behavioral Health, the Health Educator is responsible for designing, delivering and evaluating educational programs on adverse childhood experiences (ACES) for school staff, students and parents.

Position Type: This position is a contract position, ends June 30, 2024, and reports to the VP of Behavioral Health.

Essential Functions: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The functions listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills and/or ability required for the position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this position.

- The Health Educator will use evidence-based strategies and best practices to raise awareness, increase knowledge, and promote positive coping skills among the target audiences.
- The Health Educator will develop, implement, assess the effectiveness and modify the program curriculum as necessary.
- Be able to reliability travel to community locations to conduct face-to-face presentations.
- Collaborate with other professionals and educational stakeholders to develop a program that is culturally responsive and aligns with the school's/district's goals and standards.
- Creates and maintains a physical and psychologically safe environment designed for emotional growth and healing.
- Conduct community/market research to identify potential partners, including schools/school districts and agencies for potential referrals.
- Proactively develop long-term relationships with community partners.
- Required data collection and documentation will be complete, timely and accurate.
- Establish a positive, trusting, and accepting rapport with the participants.
- Acts upon own analysis of participant situations under clinical supervision.
- Reports progress on program to supervisor.
- Delivers services with sensitivity to the clients cultural and socioeconomic characteristics
- Upholds and actively demonstrates investment in the mission and values of Volunteers of America of Illinois

Other Duties: As assigned by the VP of Behavioral Health.

Work Environment: Generally, this position operates in a professional office environment as well as in the community/school settings. The hours of work are generally Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Flexibility in the schedule may be requested to accommodate client work/school schedules.

Physical Demands: Physical demands may be a part of the essential functions of this position especially as it relates to the capacity to move freely around the community in a vehicle. Reasonable accommodations for the physical demands of the essential functions of the position can be considered and made when possible in response to a specific request.

Qualifications:

- Possess a compassionate nature, strong understanding of mental health issues, specifically childhood trauma and a desire to serve students/families/staff impacted by trauma.
- Possess strong verbal and written communication skills that builds meaningful partnerships with the students, staff and community members.
- Possess good time management and organizational skills to proficiently complete assigned tasks.
- Must have a valid driver's license and access to a functional motor vehicle.
- Be proficient in software applications especially with Microsoft Office.

Education and Experience:

- This position prefers a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Clinical Psychology, or related field from an accredited college or university. Special consideration for a Master's degree in Social Work, Clinical Psychology, or related field from an accredited college or university.
- Prefer one year of post-graduate experience with one year of proven clinical experience, or have four years of pre-graduate and post-graduate combined experience.
- Prefer experience working with children and adolescents providing guidance/education/support developing social/academic skills

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Job Type: Full-time