



Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant - Family Connections ***Brazelton Touchpoints Center, Boston Children's Hospital***

Job Description: Part time position (20 - 24 hours) for a licensed or license eligible clinical social worker or mental health counselor (LMHC) to work with the Family Connections Project at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center. Family Connections is a system-wide, preventive mental health consultation and professional development model that is offered to Head Start/Early Head Start and early education programs across Greater Boston. Mental health consultation services in each center are integrated with the Touchpoints approach. The Mental Health Consultant will provide mental health consultation services at Head Start, Early Head Start, or Early Education Centers, deliver training to staff & families, participate in Family Connections trainings locally and nationally, participate in Touchpoints training, & work with the Family Connections team to further disseminate the model nationally.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

The statements below describe the essential duties of the person or persons assigned to this job. They are not intended as an exhaustive list of all job duties and responsibilities.

1. Organizes and manages the day to day project operations for selected sites. Maintains all records and paperwork associated with the project.
2. Collaborates and consults with the Early Education and Head Start/Early Head Start staff at selected sites to provide systemic mental health consultation with a focus on the well-being of children, their families, and staff. Work with centers to increase capacity to effectively implement strength based mental health & social-emotional wellness interventions.
3. Collaborates and consults with the Early Education and Head Start/Early Head Start staff at selected sites in order to increase that program's capacity to effectively support parents challenged by depression, trauma, and related adversity.
4. Coordinates project clinical interventions with ongoing clinical services conducted by Head Start/Early Head Start clinical staff.
5. Implements on-site pair, group, and individual social-emotional and mental health classroom interventions.
6. Provides crisis intervention and triage referral to community mental health resources.
7. Consults with parents regarding parenting strategies, mental health impacts on parenting & provides therapeutic supports through groups or one-on one.
8. Participates in home visits with Head Start staff as indicated and coordinates community-based referral sources and resources for families.
9. Trains & coaches staff in Touchpoints as indicated.
11. Ensures that grant requirements of the funding agencies and the Hospital are met. Acts as a resource for the development of proposals for funding, and serves as a liaison with these agencies.
12. Organizes and coordinates attendance at meetings, conferences and other events as needed.
13. Provides Family Connections trainings nationally as a member of the Family Connections PD team.
14. Provides supervision for interns or other Family Connections staff as indicated.



Minimum Required Knowledge and Skills:

1. Work requires the knowledge of theories, principles, and concepts typically acquired through completion of a master's degree in social work, counseling or a closely related field and two to three years' experience in: working with parents and children birth to six years of age; facilitating or presenting workshops to adult learners; community-based mental health service delivery, family health/mental health, and/or child care/early education mental health consultation; and experience with working in diverse communities, and sensitivity to/awareness of the needs of culturally diverse urban families.
2. Work requires the analytical skills to collect information from diverse sources, apply professional principles in performing various analyses, and summarize the information and data in order to solve problems.
3. Work requires excellent interpersonal communication skills; strong abilities in documentation & written communications.
4. Work requires ability to work effectively as a member of a multidisciplinary team.

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