



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Project Coordinator for the Prevention of Seclusion/Restraint and Trauma Informed Care

The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD), the primary national association that advocates for the collective interests of state mental health authorities in the 55 states, territories and the District of Columbia is seeking a Project Coordinator for the Prevention of Seclusion and Restraint (S/R) and Trauma Informed Care (TIC) to work onsite at the Division of State Community Systems Development (DSCSB) in the State Planning & Systems Development Branch (SPSDB), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) in Rockville, Maryland. The Project Coordinator will serve as an Expert Staffer in S/R and TIC across service systems to include mental health, justice and education and will establish cooperative working relationships and with other SAMHSA/CMHS offices or organizations as assigned. Moderate travel is required to provide on-site state, regional or national technical assistance as requested.

The qualified applicant will possess a Master's Degree in a social or human service area plus (5) years experience in the public mental health field. Additional years of experience can replace the Master's Degree as long as the applicant has a Bachelor's Degree, and the relevant competencies that can be documented. Must have at least one year of experience providing high-quality training and technical assistance functions to a variety of audiences including national associations, state mental health agencies, and mental health provider agency staff. Because of the nature of the position, the preferred candidate will have personal experience as a trauma survivor and as a consumer of behavioral health services and hands on experience creating trauma informed care environments.

Other requirements include: knowledge of the role of the federal government and state public offices in public mental health policy development, specifically regarding seclusion and restraint as well as trauma informed care; knowledge of effective technical assistance techniques used in public mental health settings (e.g. long-distance learning, consensus-building conferences); knowledge of the theory and literature related to human trauma and the principles underlying a trauma informed care approach in healthcare and social service settings; and knowledge of current activities related to trauma initiatives in the public mental health field at the national and state level. Outstanding interpersonal skills, political acumen, and the ability to work effectively as both a leader and a team member are essential. Thorough understanding of state mental health systems and the issues confronting these organizations at the national and state level. Must have the ability to coordinate a complex, multi-faceted project, with a good attention to detail and relevant experience working with State or local mental health, human service, and associated systems. Strong oral and written communication skills and ability to thoroughly review the current literature to gain additional knowledge about, and subsequently apply, effective technical assistance techniques used in public mental health settings (e.g. long-distance learning, consensus-building conferences).

NASMHPD is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities, women, persons with disabilities and persons with experience of mental health services are encouraged to apply. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest indicating salary requirements and/or salary history and a resume to:

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