



Job Title: DECI Clinical Advocate

Program/Grant Category: Drug Endangered Children Initiative

Position Reports to: Director of Community Connections & The Family Center

Work Schedule: Maximum flexibility in work schedule required, evening or weekends as needed

Classification: Full Time, Exempt

Summary: Work with families, agency staff, and community partners as a conduit for information, resources, data and communication with the local stakeholders across Plymouth County as an advocate for drug endangered children.

Essential Functions:

- Co-Chair Plymouth County Drug Task Force's Drug Endangered Children Subcommittee.
- Work alongside Plymouth County Outreach (PCO) team.
- Assist families, youth, and communities impacted by substance use disorders through identifying and accessing supportive services designed to improve family functioning.
- Develop a strong working relationship with school personnel, Plymouth County police departments, PCO recovery coaches, and Department of Children and Families staff to become a resource to meet the needs of youth and families.
- Work with school personnel, local, state, and private agency direct service staff to develop and implement processes for improving communication and coordination of services to youth.
- Develop relationships with local, state, and agency staff.
- Work with School Liaison to identify children and youth who are at risk of adverse child experiences due to parent or caregiver substance use disorders.
- Develop programs with/at Family Resource Center that meet the needs of families, particularly those impacted by substance use and misuse disorders.
- Work with emergency and crisis response workers to develop best practices in coordination of risk management resource planning with families impacted by substance use disorders.
- Represent the Family Resource Center at multidisciplinary team and community meetings.
- Be available to provide phone support to families and multi-disciplinary teams to triage immediate risk or for other time-sensitive matters during and outside of regular business hours
- Document and track successful strategies with youth, provide evidence of success and student-focused strategies worth replicating.
- Complete all required reporting in a timely manner.
- Enter data into database software and update as needed.
- Attend and/or present at meetings but not limited to; EOE, the Readiness Cabinet and/or EOHHS with respect to activities and findings.
- Work constructively with The Family Resource Center staff.

Skills:

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Capacity to work with diverse groups
- Understanding of how to work with families and individuals with a multitude of risk factors and needs
- Understanding of substance use disorders and impact of childhood trauma
- Ability to navigate multiple, complex family systems
- Public speaking, convening, facilitation skills
- Knowledge of local community resources, community-based providers, and state human service systems
- Able to read, analyze, and interpret professional journals, technical procedures and government regulations.
- Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from families, youth and the public.
- Proficient in Word, Excel; experience with client tracking software preferred

Education and Experience:

- Masters degree preferred, Bachelors degree required.
- Commensurate work experience in the human services or a related field and/or life experience in recovery considered.
- Bi-lingual preferred (Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, Spanish, and Portuguese).
- Experience working within a human service agency (either state or community based)
- Experience working with schools and/or police
- Experience working in Plymouth County

Physical Demands:

- Able to lift up to 30 lbs.
- Moving tables or chairs to set up for presentations or activities.
- Carrying boxes of supplies or fliers for programs.

Other Requirements:

- Work alongside Plymouth County Outreach (PCO)
- Valid driver's license
- Access to a vehicle
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