

PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF JOHNSTON CO., INC.

Position: Child Care Health Consultant

Immediate Supervisor: Early Care and Education Manager

Salary Range:

Status: Exempt

Primary Objective:

The CCHC position is a community-based position that works with early care and education (child care) administrators, operators, and early educators to ensure healthy and safe environments for children in child care. CCHCs offer training and technical assistance through consultation and coaching.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate strategies to achieve high quality, healthy and safe child care environments
- Guide early educators to meet child care health and safety requirements and achieve best practice standards
- Offer consultation based on quality improvement plans
- Provide health and safety training to improve health knowledge and skills of early educators
- Provide consultation and training for early educators to interpret and implement medical action plans for children with special health care needs
- Support NCPK through review of health assessments, monitor student screenings and referrals
- Participate in on-going professional development opportunities
- Participate in webinars, regional meetings, and the annual CCHC conference

Collaboration:

- Work collaboratively with Partnership Early Childhood Education Team Members
- Act as a liaison with local health professionals and community service agencies by offering health education, community information, and referral resources to facilities and families
- Advocate for young children by actively serving on and coordinating with local, regional, and statewide committees that support healthy growth and development of children
- Establish and maintain on-going working relationships with other professionals offering technical assistance to early care and education settings
- Serve as a liaison to ensure collaborations between partnering agencies

Other:

- Responsible for creating and promoting a customer friendly atmosphere, which is culturally responsive and professional.
- Maintain complete confidentiality at all times.

- Support the Partnership for Children of Johnston County and advocate for quality early care and education services.
- Assure compliance with state and local Smart Start and program policies and guidelines
- Prepare and present information and statistics as needed

Education and Experience

- The CCHC is a registered nurse with a degree in nursing (ASN or BSN) or a health professional with a minimum of a bachelor's degree in health education or health related field. A qualified applicant should have experience in child health or community health and early care and education. Education and experience can be either:
 - A degree in nursing with experience in public health or pediatric nursing and licensure as a registered nurse (RN), OR
 - At least a bachelor's degree in health education or health related field (nutrition and physical activity, oral health, community, public health, etc.) with experience in health education. Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) designation preferred.
- The health professional becomes a qualified CCHC upon successful completion of the NC Child Care Health Consultant Course and receipt of a certificate of qualification. The 14-week course is facilitated by the NC Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center: www.healthychildcare.unc.edu and includes web-based distance learning, one on-site training sessions in the Raleigh area, and a final project.

Knowledge and Abilities:

Having experience and knowledge of child health, development, and special health care needs

- Having knowledge and skills related to public health theory, practices, principles, and techniques
- Being able to understand and communicate the importance of injury prevention and health promotion
- Knowing state and federal child care guidelines and regulations
- Knowing how to locate community resources and access services for child care providers and families
- Having experience in providing group training and be knowledgeable of adult learning strategies
- Strong commitment to improving the lives of young children and their families
- Excellent written, verbal, public speaking and technology skills
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate projects, prepare correspondence, produce written reports and proposals, make public presentations and facilitate planning meetings
- Act as a collaborator, unifier and negotiator who can build strong and effective relations with a variety of organizations in the community
- Self-starter who initiates and pursues objectives in an organized and efficient manner, working either independently or as a team member.
- Respecting the belief systems and cultural values of all people

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Must be able to physically perform the basic life operational functions of climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, talking, hearing, and repetitive motions. Must be able to perform medium work exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 20 pounds of force frequently, and /or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Must possess the visual acuity to prepare and analyze data and figures, perform accounting duties, operate a computer terminal and do extensive reading.