



POSITION: Parent Educator, Bi-Lingual
CULTURE/LANGUAGES: Spanish
STATUS: 40 hours, At-will non-exempt Employee

Overview:

The Parent Educator is responsible for helping families understand and navigate special education and healthcare services; conduct training workshops in Spanish; provide language and cultural support; assist families to access resources, information and services; assist parents in collaborating with schools to develop appropriate Individualized Education Programs; advocate for multicultural families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs.

Key Responsibilities:

Family Services and Community Partnership Engagement and Outreach:

- Provide individual assistance and support to Latino parents of children with disabilities regarding special education, and health care access.
- Culturally and linguistically interpret special education related information and resources to ensure families' understanding of the issues.
- Conduct trainings in Spanish.
- Outreach to communities to identify and recruit families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs participating at our programs and services.
- Promote parent/educator partnership by supporting families of children with disabilities, special educators, specialists, and administrators to increase parental engagement in special education and healthcare.
- Work as a collaborative team member with other staff to conduct family events and fulfill other project related responsibilities.
- Outreach to diverse communities by distributing materials at community gathering places and resource fairs to ensure program visibility.

Administration:

- Maintain accurate and up-to-date files and documentation online for complete and timely reporting.
- Maintain confidentiality of client information.
- Attend program and staff meetings and training as determined by Project Director.
- Other duties as assigned by the Director



Qualifications:

- Bilingual in Spanish and English with strong verbal and written communication skills in both languages. Fluency in Spanish is required.
- Family member or parent of child with a disability and/or special healthcare needs is preferred.
- Prior experience assisting other families to obtain appropriate services and supports for their child and family members.
- Familiarity with state and local resources and how to access them.
- Strong computer skills and able to use Microsoft Office software, such as Word, Excel, and Power Point effectively
- Track record of respect for others' experiences, opinions, language, values, culture, and knowledge
- Demonstrated commitment to teamwork and collaboration
- Knowledge of special education, DDA system, social services, resources, and information for people with disabilities
- Proven ability as an effective communicator and strong advocate for people with disabilities and special healthcare needs and their families
- Available for flexible work hours (some evenings and weekends as needed)
- Have a car to drive for work purposes and a valid MD state driver's license and vehicle insurance

Salary will be determined depending upon qualifications and experience. Parents of children with disabilities and/or special health care needs are encouraged to apply.

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