Tulare County Office of Education

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Specialist, Prevention/Intervention Education (9805)

Job Summary:
The prevention/intervention specialist assists the facilitator and manager with prevention/intervention programs in implementing the K-12 substance abuse, behavior management, and violence prevention/intervention programs for the county. Specialists manage the daily operation of prevention/intervention education to students, staff, and school site administration.

Essential Functions:
- Conducts and facilitates school-wide K-12 substance abuse prevention/intervention education activities, collaborates and coordinates student training opportunities with other district and program staff;
- Promotes and conducts substance prevention/education to students, parents, teachers, and staff;
- Provides training to school staff in areas related to chemical dependency, violence prevention, gang awareness, and social service interventions; assists in planning and organizing professional development opportunities;
- Coordinates student identification process for intervention programs with school administrators, counselors, and other appropriate school-based staff;
- Responsible for input, compilation and completion of monthly and annual program reports to the manager and administrator of prevention/intervention programs and school administration;
- Develop and implement program curriculum;
- Responds to students in crisis situations with support and coordination of additional referrals and wrap-around services to students as needed to assist and support overall school success;
- Communicates with local social service agencies and assists schools with family referrals to local social service agencies;
- Maintain data and reporting to ensure grant compliance and assurance;
- Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

Skills, Knowledge and/or Abilities Required:

Skills to:
- Work with students in grades K-12 and in alternative school settings;
- Keep records in a computer-based information system;
- Operate standard office equipment including using pertinent software applications i.e., Word, Publisher, Excel, Internet;
- Prepare and maintain accurate records;
- Administer first aid.
- Make independent decisions; protect confidentiality of student information and records;
- Make appropriate referrals/reports to parents and/or school administrators and counselors.
- Possess excellent human relations skills.
- Possess multiple task coordination.
- Data collect and interpret.
- Case manage, and possess interpretive skills to identify student needs.
- Use multimedia and computer technology.

Knowledge of:
- Regional, youth-targeted counseling and treatment resources for substance abuse;
- Service learning educational programs;
- Correct English usage, spelling, grammar and punctuation;
- Small group instructional strategies;
- Community service organizations;
- State and federal reporting process;
- Program implementation;
- Middle and high school academic subjects to facilitate tutoring of students when necessary;
Current alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other risky behavior trends involving children and adolescents;
Resource agencies providing counseling/rehabilitation services through the community;
Classroom management and de-escalation experience.

Ability to:
- Be self-directed;
- Work well with others;
- Work flexible hours as well as overtime, with compensation, if needed;
- Organize and use time effectively;
- Organize and conduct large group recreational activities;
- Keep accurate records;
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing;
- Lift and carry 25 pounds, usually with assistance;
- Relate and work successfully with students, parents, and school staff, community.

Education/Experience Required:
- Bachelor’s degree preferred; OR,
  Associate’s degree plus three years of experience interacting with elementary and secondary students on a daily basis involving counseling and working with students who are considered ‘high risk,’ have behavioral problems, poor social skills and with racially diverse backgrounds.

Certificates, Licenses, Clearances, Testing and/or Bonding Required:
- Valid California Driver’s License and proof of automobile insurance.
- Department of Justice and FBI Fingerprint Response.
- Obtain & maintain first aid & CPR certificate.

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

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