

PROMOTIONAL & OPEN COMPETITIVE

EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

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It is the policy of the State Board of Education, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, that the Public School System, Human Resources Office shall be applied and administered according to the principles of equal employment opportunity. Applications shall be evaluated regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability, or national origin.

Applicants for this position must be a U.S. Citizen or be eligible and authorized to work in the U.S., including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the Public School System.

POSITION/TITLE: Head Start Family Partnership Advocate (2 Positions)

EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT NO.: **PSS-2022-056**

OPENING DATE: **July 29, 2022**

CLOSING DATE: **Until Filled**

SALARY: FPA I: Pay Level/Grade: **03,04**; Step(s): **06-12 \$22,654.32 - \$31,876.90 Per Annum**

SALARY: FPA II: Pay Level/Grade: **05,06**; Step(s): **07-12 \$26,225.21 - \$35,144.28 Per Annum**

BENEFITS: Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience, plus excellent benefits (including Life Insurance, Retirement Benefits, and Paid Leave/Holidays).

LOCATION: **Head Start/Early Head Start Program**

NATURE OF WORK

- The Family Partnership Advocate is responsible for implementing the family partnership, parent engagement, and community partnerships for the Program.
- The Family Partnership Advocate uses a family development model to support and assist families as they identify and meet goals, they establish in Family Partnership Agreements.
- The Family Partnership Advocate will complete home or site visits and may be required to utilize their personal vehicles (federal/state regulated mileage reimbursement applies; a bi-weekly mileage report is required).
- This position also assists with the completion of the child health requirements and other required screenings and assessments; recruitment of children for the program; referral and advocacy services to children and families with diverse needs.
- The position may involve reassignment of caseload and/or center location as deemed necessary for program operations.
- This position is under the direct supervision of the Family Services Manager.

ESSENTIAL TASKS:

These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.

- The family partnership advocate's responsibilities will primarily fall within the Family and Community Partnerships services but s/he may perform other tasks as needed.
- The Family and Community Partnership services performs functions such as, but not limited to, the following: Assists in the development of referral systems and procedures and helps coordinate social/family/health services referrals and follow-up.

- Provide interventions and referral services for a range of concerns including family problems, domestic violence, child abuse, neglect and poverty.
- Provide assistance to families in transition activities for children moving from the Head Start Program into a kindergarten classroom.
- Supports and assists in serving as a liaison between family and school and also between school and community.
- Assists in answering inquiries to members of related professions or organizations on matters related to social/family/health services programs.
- Maintains effective, efficient and up-to-date files of the children and families such as completed cases, referral cases, and those needing follow up and ensures the confidentiality of said files.
- Ensure required information with regards to Family and Community Service Area is entered into the ChildPlus Data System.
- Performs clerical work and exercises independent judgment in making decisions affecting regular work procedures.
- Works on collaborative projects with other agencies and in other Head Start Service Areas as assigned.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:

All Head Start staff must adhere to the following as mandated by the Head Start Program Performance Standards and Other Regulations (*45 CFR 1304.52 (h) (1)-(3)*):

1. All Head Start staff must respect and promote the unique identity of each child and family and refrain from stereotyping on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, or disability;
2. All Head Start staff will follow program confidentiality policies concerning information about children, families, and other staff members;
3. No child will be left alone or unsupervised while under the care of a Head Start employee, volunteer, staff, or consultants;
4. All Head Start staff will use positive methods of child guidance and will not engage in corporal punishment, emotional or physical abuse, or humiliation. In addition, they will not employ methods or discipline that involve isolation, the use of food as punishment or reward, or the denial of basic needs.
5. All Head Start staff must be responsive to parents' inquiries and provide an opportunity to explore and to model alternative approaches and positive techniques in order to promote a safe, comfortable, interactive environment increasing the child's sense of competence and control.
6. All Head Start staff must reassure parents that disclosing health or safety needs of the child is voluntary and that parents only need to share sufficient information to accommodate the child. Staff must adhere to the Head Start programs confidentiality policy.
7. Federal, State, and Tribal laws require educators and caretakers to report all alleged cases of abuse and neglect as soon as they are suspected. All Head Start staff are required to report any suspected cases of child abuse and neglect to their immediate supervisor and follow specific reporting procedures. The staff member reporting the suspected abuse will be kept confidential.
8. All Head Start staff must establish and maintain effective record keeping systems to provide accurate and timely information regarding children, families, and staff and must ensure appropriate confidentiality of this information.
9. All Head Start staff must supervise the outdoor and indoor play areas in such a way that children's safety can be easily monitored and ensured.

10. All Head Start staff must be responsive to each child's social and emotional development needs by building trust, fostering independence, encouraging self-control by setting clear, consistent limits, and having realistic expectations; encouraging respect for the feelings and rights of others; and supporting and respecting the home language, culture, and family composition of each child in ways that support the child's health and well-being; and planning for routines and transitions so that they occur in a timely, predictable and unrushed manner according to each child's needs.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

The Public School System (PSS)/Head Start Program operates on a 40-hour work week. Actual working hours will be determined on the basis of operational efficiency. The Head Start Director will establish working schedules subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education and Head Start Policy Council.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTION OF THE JOB:

The duties and responsibilities listed herein have excluded the functions of the position that are incidental to the performance of fundamental job duties. All duties and responsibilities listed herein are essential job functions and requirements and are subject to modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities. To perform this job successfully, the incumbent(s) will possess the skills, aptitudes, and abilities to perform each duty proficiently. Some positions may exclude individuals who pose a direct threat or significant risk to the health or safety of themselves or others. The qualification requirements listed in this document are the minimum levels of knowledge, abilities and skills required to perform this position.

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE:

FPA I

- High School Graduate, plus two (2) years' work related experience AND must obtain a credential or certification from an accredited institution in social work, human services, family services, counseling, or related field within eighteen months of hire.

FPA II

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with an Associate's degree (or completed 60+ credit hours) in social work, human services, family services, counseling, or related field.
- High School Graduate, plus credential or certification from an accredited institution in social work, human services, family services, counseling, or related field.

OTHER QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- A valid CNMI driver's license.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (KSAs)

- Thorough knowledge of prescribed School Board policies, procedures, rules and regulations;
- Ability to motivate others to reach their fullest potential;

- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school officials, students, parents, teachers, support staff, associates, external organizations/companies, federal and local agency representatives.
- Awareness of and sensitivity to cultural and local community practices and norms.
- Excellent Office Automation Skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook)
- Excellent Oral & Written Skills
- Excellent Record Keeping Skills
- Must be familiar and have experience in using computer applications such as Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, e-mail, and internet.
- Some experience in a human services setting, including working with low-income children and families.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills. Communicate well both orally and in writing, including giving and receiving feedback. Bi-lingual skills are a plus.
- Ability to work as part of a team. Strong staff collaboration is a standard at the Head Start Program.
- Must meet all health and safety clearance and requirements
- No conviction of child abuse and neglect

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION:

1. COMPLETED PSS EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORM;
2. COPY OF DIPLOMA/DEGREE;
3. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS (SEALED) *MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE HR OFFICE FROM THE ACCREDITED INSTITUTION AND/OR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CREDENTIAL EVALUATION SERVICES (NACES)*;
4. POLICE CLEARANCE *FROM THE MOST RECENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE (WITHIN THE PAST SIX MONTHS)*;
5. VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT; AND
6. MEDICAL CLEARANCE *(ONLY REQUIRED UPON OFFER FOR EMPLOYMENT)*.

OTHER DOCUMENTS MAY BE REQUESTED AND MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION (IF THE PSS DETERMINES IT TO BE APPLICABLE):

1. CERTIFICATE/LICENSE (Teaching, CPA, Bar, SPHR, etc.)
2. RESUME
3. PRAXIS SCORES
4. TRAFFICE CLEARANCE

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MAY OBTAIN AND SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO THE PSS HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AT CAPITOL HILL, BUILDING 1202, ISLETA COURT, SAIPAN or VIA EMAIL TO: LUCRETIA DELEON GUERRERO AT LUCRETIA.DELEONGUERRERO@CNMIPSS.ORG or MAILED TO: CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE, P.O. BOX 501370 CK SAIPAN, MP 96950, TEL. NOS. (670) 237-3037, 3052.

YOUR APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE PSS HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OF THE POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT.

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Application Type: Non-Certified	FLSA Status: Non-Exempt	Salary Grade/Step: 3,4 / 6-12: 5,6 / 7-12	Duty Station/Location: Saipan