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Position Available

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Division of Mental Hygiene Office of Child and Adolescent Services

Family Advisor

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), Division of Mental Hygiene is seeking a Family Advisor to work in its Office of Child and Adolescent Services (OCAS). The Family Advisor will represent the family perspective and will be a part of decision making at the local level. He/she will have responsibility for facilitating parent involvement in planning, policy development, advocacy, and service development and monitoring activities of the Division of Mental Hygiene. He/she will also act as a liaison to the Family Support Programs and broader mental hygiene services in conjunction with the State Parent Advisors. The Family Advisor will act as the lead Family Member for the Coordinated Children's Services Initiative grant and promote its core values in OCAS and across multiple child-serving systems including mental hygiene, education, child welfare, education, and juvenile justice.

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Provide broad systems-advocacy and connect individuals to advocacy services as needed within mental health and across multiple child serving systems such as mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice, and education; and develop, support, and promote opportunities for family voices to be included at decision making points throughout the system of care.
- ❖ Provide feedback directly to DOHMH and other stakeholders on policy, practice, program, and systems issues that affect families.
- ❖ Champion the principles and values of system of care within DOHMH and at the systems level. This includes working across offices within DOHMH e.g. auditing, contracts and other program offices and at the across child-serving systems.
- ❖ Assist the Division in evaluating the efficacy of its family support programs and other mental hygiene services that serve youth.

Qualifications

Experience as a caregiver of a child with serious emotional or behavioral challenges required. High-School Diploma required, Bachelors Degree in human services preferred. Must possess excellent verbal, presentation, and writing abilities. Knowledge of basic computer skills required. A successful track record with family support e.g., running a family support program, or Parent Resource Center a plus and/or experience advocating for the rights of children with special needs in other child serving systems. Candidate must have completed or be willing to complete Family Development Credential and/or Parent Empowerment Training.

Salary: commensurate with experience and credentials

Please forward your resume and a cover letter via e-mail to: darieli@health.nyc.gov or via mail:

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