Mental Health Support Coach

This is a professional level position that reports to the Mental Health Support Manager. The primary focus of the Mental Health Support Coach is to support social-emotional and behavioral health outcomes among children, families, and early childhood professionals. This position will work across a broad range of early learning settings to promote wellness in young children by increasing the capacity of adult caregivers to support children’s developmental needs.

The Mental Health Support Coach will provide direct support to School Readiness and VPK contracted providers, their staff, children, and families to effectively understand and support children’s positive behavior and development. This professional will promote high-quality interactions and relationships between children and their peers and teaching teams as well as administration and teachers. The Mental Health Support Coach will also collaborate closely with other Coalition staff, including Inclusion and Screening Specialists, to provide guidance and support to providers/teachers on early interventions, positive classroom behavior management and inclusive classroom environments. This professional will work to increase child and caregiver resilience, while reducing challenging behaviors by utilizing evidence-based best practices, providing early identification of behavioral concerns, and making referrals to appropriate community services.

This professional must be available to work a flexible schedule, including occasional weekend/evenings as required. Requires a valid Florida driver’s license, availability of an automobile during work hours and the ability to travel locally, regionally, statewide, or nationally for site visits, training, and other job-related activities and functions. Advanced computer skills required.

Requires a minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree in a field such as early childhood, counseling, social work, or psychology. Demonstrated knowledge, understanding, and expertise of child development, early childhood mental health, prevention & intervention techniques, and local resources required. In addition, demonstrated knowledge and experience in relationship-based professional development, coaching, technical assistance practices, and adult learning methods are also required.

Send resume and signed application to hr@elcpolk.org
An application can be found on the Career page at www.elcpolk.org

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