

# Social And Emotional Health Coordinator

NYS Council on Children and Families

Rensselaer, NY

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## Job Description

The Social and Emotional Health Coordinator will be essential in supporting the success of the Preschool Development Birth to Five Year Grant. Specifically, this staff person will support grant activities related to social and emotional health and infant and early childhood mental health including, but not limited to, the Pyramid Model to Support the Social and Emotional Competence of Infants and Young Children, Infant Mental Health Basics Training, and the Strong Starts Court Initiative. This position will be responsible for performing the following duties:

Manage the PDGB5 activities related to supporting social and emotional health including but not limited to Infant Mental Health Basics Training, Healthy Steps, DC: 0-5 Trainings and the Strong Starts Court Initiative.

Help to manage New York state's rollout of Pyramid Model Implementation.

Facilitate collaboration and coordination among early childhood programs, providers and state agencies, with a focus on helping to prepare infants, toddlers, and young children from families with low-income transition into kindergarten.

Support and promote a stronger statewide coordinated system to connect early childhood providers and other professionals serving families with young children, birth to five years, with needed social and emotional health services and supports to meet their needs.

Research and help to implement more efficient use of existing federal, state, local, and nongovernmental resources to align and strengthen the delivery of existing programs; coordinate delivery models and funding streams within the state's early childhood care and education system; and develop recommendations to better use existing resources.

Increase parent partnership, maximize parent choice and knowledge by including parent voice.

Connect early childhood programs with needed supports to screen, assess and address challenging behaviors to help avoid the suspension and expulsion of young children.

Participate in NYS technical assistance projects related to early childhood care and education systems building and developmental and infant and early childhood mental health. Work with the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council, the Early Childhood Comprehensive System's State Advisory Team, the NYS Office of Mental Health, NYS Department of Health, NYS Education Department, NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, NYS Office for Children and Family Services, NYS Head Start Collaboration Office, NYS Association of Infant Mental Health, Early Care and Learning Council, Help Me Grow, Thrive NYC, the Center of Excellence for Infant Mental Health Consultation, Child Care Resource & Referral agencies and the NYS court system. Attend regularly scheduled team calls and webinars for CCF early childhood initiatives including but not limited to PDGB5, Pyramid Model, and social and emotional health in the early years.

## **Qualifications**

Master's degree in child psychology, early childhood, child mental health or a related field. Comprehensive understanding of child development, with knowledge of New York state's system of supports for young children and families preferred. Experience with the Pyramid Model and developmental screening tools preferred. Project management experience. Excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills. Ability to organize, prioritize tasks, meet deadlines, be flexible and work as part of a team essential. Computer proficiency required. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer/Qualified Individuals with Disabilities/Qualified Protected Veterans.

## **Application Instructions**

Qualified candidates should e-mail their resume and letter of interest to [eoajobpostings@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:eoajobpostings@ocfs.ny.gov) You MUST include the Vacancy number of the position in the subject line of your email and/or cover letter to ensure receipt of your application. In order to qualify you for the position when you have current or prior New York State employment, you may be contacted by OCFS Personnel for your social security number to confirm your employment

history.

<https://statejobs.ny.gov/public/vacancyDetailsView.cfm?id=91948>

## **Additional Information**

### **Background Investigation Requirements:**

- 1) All prospective employees will be investigated through a Criminal Background Check (CBC), which includes State and federal Criminal History Record Checks. All convictions must be reported; conviction of a felony or misdemeanor, or any falsified or omitted information on the prospective appointee's employment application, may bar appointment or result in removal after appointment. Each case will be determined on its own merits, consistent with the applicable provisions of State and federal laws, rules, and regulations. Prospective employees will be fingerprinted in order to obtain a record of their criminal history information, and may be required to pay any necessary fees.
- 2) All prospective employees will be screened against the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR). Prospective employees will be required to pay any necessary fees.
- 3) For Division of Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth (DJJOY) prospective appointees will be checked against the Staff Exclusion List (SEL) maintained by the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs. Prospective employees whose names appear on the SEL as having been found responsible for serious or repeated acts of abuse or neglect will be barred from appointment and may have their names removed from the eligible list(s) for the title(s) if applicable.

Candidates from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. OCFS is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. OCFS is committed to ensuring equal opportunity for persons with disabilities and workplace diversity. It is the policy of OCFS to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified applicants and employees with disabilities to enable them to perform the essential functions of the position for which they are applying or for which they are employed. OCFS does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under title I of the ADA.