FEDERAL WORK STUDY
JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Research Assistant: Mental Health & Community Outreach
Department: Center for Reducing Health Disparities

Number of Positions: 1
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Duties and Responsibilities:
The Center for Reducing Health Disparities (CRHD) is committed to achieving Healthy People 2020 goals of “eliminating health disparities, achieving health equity and improving the health of all populations.” To this regard the College of Public Health and CRHD, under the leadership of Dr. Renaisa Anthony are working with community leaders in Douglas County serving the African American community. Through a community engaged approach we are collaborating on a one year Collective Impact Project on mental health with the following preliminary goals:

1. Conduct an Environmental Scan of Mental Health Services in Douglas County (and those specific to AA)
2. Assess the Mental Health Needs & Perceptions of AA in Douglas County (mixed methods)
3. Launch an awareness campaign based on the environmental scan and assessment of need
4. Publish a Report on AA Mental Health & Services in Douglas County with a Resource Guide

The community committee meets monthly and will be actively and equitably engaged in the aforementioned goals. The research assistant will assist primarily with Goals 1, 2 and 4.

Special Skills Required:
Applicant must have interest in mental health awareness, services and access. Applicant must have experience implementing basic research skills including but not limited to literature reviews, database creation, data collection, data entry and basic data analysis. Applicant must be creative, tech savvy (social media, etc), able to work independently with minimal oversight, complete tasks and communicate needs in a timely manner. Applicant must demonstrate cultural competence and sensitivity working with diverse populations. Applicant should have experience working with diverse populations, namely the African American community.

Supervisor (If different than Contact name listed above):
Number of hours/week per position:
Typically 15-20 hours per week. Flexible.
Maximum is 40 hours per week during periods student is not enrolled in courses or during breaks.
Part-time hours are not more than 20 hours per week while student is enrolled in classes.

To be considered employed in a community service job for FWS purposes, an FWS student does not have to provide a “direct” service. The student must provide services that are designed to improve the quality of life for community residents or to solve particular problems related to those residents’ needs. A school may use its discretion to determine what jobs provide indirect or direct service to the community.

Do you consider this position to be a community service job?  ___No___

Contact: Students will schedule interviews with your department. When you have selected a student to work in your area, contact Meghan Moore, UNMC Office of Financial Aid, Student Life Center, Campus Zip 984265, (402) 559-4199 or meghanmoore@unmc.edu

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