**Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant (ECMHC) – Job Posting**

Alta Head Start is seeking an individual to provide early childhood mental health consultation services to address the behavioral and mental health needs of enrolled children and their families. The primary work function will focus on providing early intervention and prevention services to improve the emotional well-being, cognitive skills, general adaptive functioning, and social competence of individual children. The ECMHC will provide a broad range of services, including early childhood mental health consultation in classrooms and through home visits, training and coaching staff, screening, assessment, and referral services, and providing parent trainings.

**Essential Functions of the position:**

* Perform general classroom observations to access social-emotional, behavioral health needs of children.
* Collect data, maintain records, and support compliance in all facets of Head Start Performance Standards and State regulations.
* Provide child development information related to social‐emotional development and mental health.
* Provide guidance to staff on selecting and implementing appropriate classroom management interventions.
* Interpret social‐emotional screening and assessment tools and findings in development of such.
* Provide guidance and model developmentally appropriate activities for children and effective ways to work with and support young children.
* Provide written and oral observations and strength‐based feedback to classrooms on an annual or as needed basis.
* Meet with classroom teams to review classroom observations and develop and implement plans as needed.
* Conduct observations and assessments of individual children as assigned or referred for consultation.
* Meet with families to consult on child and family needs and create follow‐upon plans to support these needs.
* Conduct standardized developmental, behavioral, and/or social‐emotional screens and assessments for individual children as assigned or referred for consultation.

**Desired Qualifications**

* Background in developmental/early childhood areas.
* Experienced in assessment and interventions with young children (under age six).
* Experienced in consultation and/or working with social service or health service providers to youth.
* Should be familiar with the social, emotional, behavioral, developmental, and academic milestones of children birth through kindergarten.
* Knowledge and experience working with infant, toddlers, and preschool age children.
* Knowledge of formal and informal resource networks and supports regarding mental health and social and emotional well-being of young children.

**Education and Experience**

Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education, Social Work, Family and Consumer Studies or other related field. Must be a Licensed or Certified Mental Health Professional and/or willing to obtain required credential.