



Position Title: **Community Education Specialist**
Location: **New Brunswick**
Reports to: **Program Manager**
FLSA: **Part Time Temporary 21 hours/week**

Prevent Child Abuse - New Jersey (PCA-NJ) is the statewide leader in the prevention of child abuse and neglect and the promotion of healthy childhoods for all of New Jersey's children. The organization was incorporated in 1979 as the New Jersey chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, the 9th Chapter to be established among a national network. Today, we exist as one of the largest chapters across the country and have become a recognized leader for prevention work in New Jersey.

PCA-NJ's expertise lies in developing primary and secondary prevention programs including public awareness campaigns, parenting education programs, workshops and professional training, home visitation services, initiatives that promote parental involvement in a child's education, and projects that support highly vulnerable families. Our prevention programs meet the specific needs of families to ensure that they are capable of nurturing, developing, and sustaining healthy children.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Community Education Specialist will provide presentations, training, technical assistance and development for PCA-NJ's statewide child abuse prevention education and Positive & Adverse Childhood Experiences (PACEs) programs. These programs include: Connections Matter New Jersey, Period of PURPLE Crying, and PCA-NJ's menu of child abuse prevention training services. Anticipated outcomes include positively changing parent and caretaker attitudes and behaviors resulting in a reduction in child abuse and neglect and an improved understanding by persons involved in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

This is a hybrid position that allows remote work with supervisory approval. Occasional presence at the office and in the field will be required. Anticipated office presence is about once per week and travel throughout NJ is about 2-4 times per month. Evening and weekend activities take place about once per month.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide presentations and training to individuals, program staff, and organizations:
 - Become trained in child abuse prevention, community development and parenting education programs.
 - Plan and support Training-of-Trainers for relevant curricula, including Connections Matter NJ, in partnership with Program Manager.
 - Plan and support quarterly meetings with the Connections Matter NJ network, in partnership with Program Manager.
 - Use standardized materials to prepare for training.
 - Provide education and training on program issues and related topics.
 - Plan and coordinate presentations and training as per contract requirements and beyond.
 - Pursue certification to become trainer in program model when applicable including, but not limited to, the Period of PURPLE Crying (shaken baby syndrome prevention) program and Connections Matter NJ.

- Support planning of educational community events to support statewide outreach of child abuse prevention information.
 - Respond to all requests for presentations, trainings, and materials in an accurate and timely manner.
 - Create and monitor trainer contract with consulted trainers for presentations, when applicable.
2. Build strong relationships with parents, families and other community stakeholders in New Jersey:
 - Represent PCA-NJ at community functions, conferences, and fairs.
 - Order, distribute and monitor prevention materials.
 - Update and design community education resources to reflect current research and trends.
 - Use social media and various marketing strategies including the design of materials to promote programs and campaigns.
 3. Oversee Click for Babies Campaign:
 - Engage with donors.
 - Oversee the counting, sorting, and delivery of Click donations.
 - Promote efforts on social media.
 4. Monitor program activities and service levels:
 - Maintain accurate documentation of all program activities.
 - Assist with developing quarterly and annual reports for funders.
 - Analyze levels of service and outcomes to understand program strengths and challenges, and shape provision of services accordingly.
 - Complete quarterly Parent Education Technical Assistance report and submit to supervisor.
 - Assist with management of grant budget.
 5. Actively participate in PCA-NJ staff meetings, departmental team meetings, and supervision sessions.
 6. Fulfill other duties as assigned by the Program Director or Program Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor’s degree required. At least three-five years of experience as a speaker/trainer/facilitator.
- Knowledge of child development and experience working with families, children and volunteers is desired.
- Excellence in written, oral and presentation skills required.
- Solid skills in public speaking, training, and group dynamics.
- Ability to build relationships with persons at all levels of human service.
- Awareness of cultural diversity and its impact on planning and provision of services.
- Knowledge of community organization and collaboration building.
- Strong ability to problem-solve.
- Must be proficient at Word, Excel, Powerpoint.

- Highly organized, motivated, and flexible.

Candidate must possess a strong desire to learn and a commitment to professional development in all the above areas.

OTHER CONDITIONS OF THIS POSITION: Travel throughout New Jersey will be necessary and a valid driver's license & reliable vehicle are required. Hours may need to be flexible to allow for evening and weekend work.

This is a temporary position for the time period of July 2024-December 2024. While there is not a plan to extend the position, the candidate will be considered for any permanent and/or full-time positions should they become available.

TO APPLY:

Please submit resume and cover letter to resume@preventchildabusenj.org. Be sure to include "Community Education Specialist" and your last name in the subject line.

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