THE NAVAJO NATION
Department of Personnel Management

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

REQUISITION NO: DOH07224669
POSITION NO: 947043
POSITION TITLE: Recreation Specialist (S)
DEPARTMENT NAME / WORKSITE: NDOH/Division of Behavioral & Mental Health Services/Shiprock, New Mexico

WORK DAYS: Monday-Friday
WORK HOURS: 40 hrs/week

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:
- Seed certificate in recreation or related field.
- Must hold a valid driver's license.

Minimum Qualifications:
- Bachelor's degree in Recreation, Physical Education, Exercise Science, Sports Administration or related field.
- Knowledge of methods and techniques of program planning and objectives of public recreation.
- Knowledge of active and passive game activities suitable for children, adolescents, adults, senior citizens and/or special populations.
- Knowledge of current principles, techniques and objectives of public information and relations programs.

Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:
- Skill in producing written documents using proper news style, sentence structure, grammar and punctuation.
- Skill in evaluating and editing content, structure and format of a range of written educational material.
- Skill in assessing, evaluating and determining recreational resources, needs and potential of communities.
- Skill in first aid methods and necessary safety precautions used in recreational work.

Physical Requirements and Work Environment:
- Work is performed both indoors and outdoors with exposure to a variety of adverse weather conditions. Work may at times be strenuous, requiring continuous physical effort for long periods; and lifting objects weighing up to 50 lbs.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Develops, coordinates, implements and evaluates a variety of recreational activities on and off the Navajo Nation to meet the Methamphetamine Suicide Prevention Initiative Generation Indigenous (GEN-I) grant goals and objectives.
- Plans evidence-based and practice based approaches to build resiliency by directing activities to promote positive development to increase self-sufficiency, support and participation through recreational activities that can include sports, fitness runs, youth camps, and arts and crafts.
- Conducts surveys and research to compile, assess, evaluate and determine recreational needs and interests that will promote resiliency, positive development and family engagement; disseminate information to the public/communities to determine needs, and seek community interest and support to increase access to prevention activities using culturally appropriate ways.
- Introduces new and/or additional programs or services to meet the recreational needs of the Navajo people; seeks partnerships to fund additional program activity costs.
- Establishes and maintains ongoing contact and liaison with local educational and recreational organizations for joint support, integration and coordination to meet goals and objectives.
- May work and coordinate activities, programs and services with other professional personnel, such as those engaged in medicine, social work, psychology, therapy and/or juvenile or youth work to ensure that recreation is balanced, coordinated and integrated with special service needs.
- Serves as resource person in matters related to recreation by providing information, expertise, insight and technical assistance; interprets laws, rules and regulations related to recreation planning and activities; plans, develops, organizes and conducts in-service and related training for assigned staff and volunteers; assists in the preparation of budget and proposals/contracts (RFP, MOU/MOA, Intergovernmental Agreements);
- Prepares required reports; attends meetings, trainings and conferences.

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(To receive full credit for education, certification, or licensure, transcripts, copies of degrees, certificates, and other appropriate documents must be submitted along with employment application.)

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