



Employment Opportunity

Field Specialist Youth and Family Resilience

Summary of Position

This position is based out of UNH Extension's Merrimack County Office and is focused on developing and delivering programs designed to foster the positive development of New Hampshire youth and families.

The position is a part of the Youth and Family Resilience (YFR) Area of Expertise Team and works in close collaboration with other UNH Extension staff and local community partners.

Responsibilities include:

- Developing, implementing and evaluating community-based programs targeting the needs of vulnerable youth and families.
- Specific efforts will include professional development for Extension staff, practitioners and community volunteers.

Acceptable minimum level of education: Master's

Acceptable minimum years of experience: 2 years

Applications will begin to be reviewed on April 22

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Other minimum qualifications

- Masters level or higher in appropriate discipline (e.g., family development, counseling, social work, or education) and two years of applicable experience.
- A strong candidate with a B.S. level degree may be considered if they are willing to obtain a M.S. degree within 7 years of hire.
- Experience developing programs for youth and/or for the professional development and training of educators, practitioners and/or volunteers.
- Commitment to reaching underserved or underrepresented audiences.
- Excellent communication skills

Additional preferred qualifications

- Experience with 4-H Youth Development, Family Development and other Cooperative Extension programming
- Experience authoring and managing grants
- Experience evaluating programs.

Duties / Responsibilities

COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH AND FAMILY RESILIENCE (YFR) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- Assess community needs and establish priorities.
- In partnership with YFR team members, develop, implement and evaluate research-based community programs focused on building the resilience of NH youth and families. Programs could include: positive youth development, youth leadership development, trauma informed work, youth mental health, family education and support, prevention of risky youth behaviors and building protective factors.
- Needs Assessment & Evaluation

PROGRAM COLLABORATION

- Support youth and family behavioral health work of Extension teams, local partner organizations, and UNH colleagues.
- Sample areas of work include professional development and training focused on: 4-H Youth Development, school-based behavioral health, youth and families experiencing stress and trauma, social, emotional and mindful learning, and youth mental health.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Build capacity for Extension youth and family resiliency programming.
- In addition to grant development and writing, efforts could include program development and collaboration in order to partner with agencies, develop fee for service work, secure contracts, or solicit donors.

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

- Timely submission of required reports, forms and communications.

OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED:

- includes Merrimack County Extension office related work as well as other projects or committee work as needed.

The University of New Hampshire is committed to providing a safe environment for all persons, including but not limited to children, and to prevent and respond to abuse, neglect and crimes against children. All UNH youth program staff shall be subject to a criminal background check as required by NH State Law. Staff and volunteers will also be required to complete periodic child safety training.

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