The Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health is seeking a professional candidate to work as a part-time (.50 FTE, or 20 hours per week) family program interventionist on the Thiwáhe Glúwaš’akapi project based on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Activities related to the delivery of this program will be concentrated into a 9-month period (based on the school year), with a 3-month work break before the next cycle of activity.

**Nature of Work**

This position is based on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and will be responsible for delivering the Thiwáhe Glúwaš’akapi program to middle-school youth and their parents. Thiwáhe Glúwaš’akapi is a modified version of the Iowa Strengthening Families 10-14 Program, culturally adapted for Lakota families. Thiwáhe Glúwaš’akapi is a 7-week program delivered to small groups of families (about 8 families per group); each weekly session includes a family meal, followed by parent, youth, and combined family activities. The program is designed to improve family communication, encourage rule setting and appropriate consequences, and prevent early substance use among youth. The evaluation of Thiwáhe Glúwaš’akapi will include 2 additional meetings with families for data collection, one before and one after the 7-week program, for a total of 9 weeks of interactions with each family group. The 9-week program will be offered in several communities and will take place during the fall and spring semesters. It will not take place during the summer.

**Professional Field**

Human Services, Health Education, Elementary Education, Child Development, Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, and/or Research background.

**Supervision Received**

This position is primarily supervised by the Regional Field Projects Director, in coordination with the Intervention Director, both located on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

**Supervision Exercised**

Not applicable.

**Examples of Work Performed**

The Professional Research Assistant to be hired will be responsible for delivery of the Thiwáhe Glúwaš’akapi program to both youth and parents in group settings. He/She will also assist with an evaluation of this intervention, and thus conducting data collection via online surveys, attendance record keeping, and recruitment and retention activities across the reservation and in nearby communities are also essential job functions.

Job responsibilities will include the following.

- **Learn the Thiwáhe Glúwaš’akapi curriculum and demonstrate proficiency in delivering curriculum to families.**
- **Identify, locate, recruit and retain study participants in the community.**
- **Identify, coordinate, plan and participate in community and school events aimed at recruitment of study participants.**
- **Enroll study participants and provide information to participants to ensure informed consent.**
- **Deliver the Thiwáhe Glúwaš’akapi program to middle school youth and their parents.**
- **Work 20 hours per week on a varying schedule that will include working 4 evenings a week and may include weekend work, depending on recruitment, program delivery, and participant family schedules.**
- **Follow research protocol while implementing the program.**
- **Perform data entry to document study progress for participants.**
- **Administer computer assisted surveys.**
• Serve as a strong team member of the Regional Field Office staff for the University of Colorado and contribute to the operations of the office. These duties may include helping to answer questions from community members about activities and assisting with other projects.
• Assist with additional duties as necessary.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
• Strong presentation and facilitation skills
• Experience working with parents/caregivers and/or youth
• Ability to be flexible with individuals and activities
• Enthusiasm for family skill-building programs
• Ability to function well as a part of the team located in Pine Ridge and to communicate regularly via conference calls or Team Viewer with the Denver staff. Data collection for this study is based out of our Regional Field Office on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The Principal Investigator and some of the staff for this study are based in Denver, CO.
• Familiarity with and experience in Oglala Lakota culture
• Ability to work well in a team environment and observe strict rules of confidentiality and appropriate communication
• Attention to detail
• Organization and efficiency
• Record keeping and data entry skills

Minimum Requirements
Bachelor’s degree or equivalent experience. Extensive experience working with tribal communities required. Experience working with children and families required. Knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite (Access, Excel, Word, Outlook) required. Must have a valid driver’s license, proof of valid auto liability insurance, dependable transportation, and be willing to travel reservation-wide, and occasionally to Denver throughout the duration of the study.

Preferred Qualifications
• Prior training or experience in facilitating education groups or family interventions preferred
• Knowledge of child development specific to early adolescence preferred

Salary Range
$17,000 - $18,500 (at .50 FTE), commensurate with degree and experience.

To Apply
Applications must be submitted online at http://www.cu.edu/cu-careers, including a cover letter, resume, and names of three professional references as attachments to your application. Job Title: Professional Research Assistant - Interventionist. Job Posting #02681. If you do not have email, please call the Regional Field Office of the University of Colorado in Pine Ridge at 605-867-2486 or 605-484-3625 for assistance. A background investigation is required for all prospective employees; a Motor Vehicle Records check will be included in the background investigation for this position.

Application Deadline
Review of applications will begin immediately, and continue until the position is filled.

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