

Part-Time Coach/Trainer: Mental Health and ASD

Department: Center for Disabilities Studies

Location: 461 Wyoming Road, Newark (significant work will be done off-site)

Supervisor: Coach, Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism

ABOUT THE DNEA

The Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism (DNEA), housed at the UD Center for Disabilities Studies (CDS), is a state-funded resource center that provides training and technical assistance on evidence-based and emerging practices to a variety of audiences including providers and organizations. Its activities are undertaken in a collaborative manner with state and community stakeholders. The DNEA leverages interdisciplinary expertise in autism (ASD) within CDS and network organizations in order to maximize impact.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The DNEA Coach/Trainer: Mental Health and ASD will provide comprehensive professional development and coaching to professionals on topics related to supporting people with ASD and their families. The *DNEA Coach/Trainer* will support mental health professionals and others with identifying and implementing evidence-based practices and other strategies designed to create an environment that promotes success for children and adults with ASD and co-occurring mental health needs and their families. The coach will facilitate statewide trainings, group professional development sessions, on-line training, and face-to-face, video, and phone-based coaching. The *DNEA Coach/Trainer* will also be responsible for maintaining fidelity to curriculum and project goals. Job duties include:

- Design and implement training on ASD and mental health-related topics that is informed by evidence-based practice to a wide variety of organizations and stakeholders
- Provide in-person and distance coaching (via conference call/webinar) to mental health professionals
- Use on-line tools and webinars to deliver professional development and provide guidance to mental health providers and other professionals statewide
- Develop and use multiple data sources to assess participant needs, tailor training and coaching appropriately, and measure outcomes
- Collaborate with organizational leaders in order to assess organizational needs, as well as enhance the development and impact of training and coaching.

- Prepare presentations for community and agency meetings

QUALIFICATIONS

Requires Master's degree in psychology, social work, counseling or a related field and four years' job-related experience. Experience in mental health and with people with ASD is required. Knowledge of Delaware mental health systems is preferred. Must demonstrate understanding of evidence-based practices used in supporting people with ASD and co-occurring mental health challenges, as well as some experience conducting training on such topics. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office and training technology. Ability to travel to clinics, hospitals and other potential training audience sites throughout Delaware is required.

ABOUT CDS

The Center for Disabilities Studies (CDS) promotes increased access, opportunity and accomplishment among people with disabilities—across ages and life domains—through its multifaceted research, training and service portfolio. CDS is one of 67 University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs) nationwide, and is the largest research and public service center in the College of Education and Human Development. The Center's current programmatic units focus on transition to adult life, health and wellness, PreK-12 education, assistive technology, and interdisciplinary training. The Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism (DNEA) is a part of a unit that draws upon and contributes to the existing programmatic units in its work with the community. Each unit implements a cohesive program of research, technical assistance, academic training, professional development, community training, advocacy, and information dissemination. CDS works in close collaboration with federal agencies and organizations, state agencies, other units at the University of Delaware, community organizations, service providers, individuals with disabilities, and their families. Each unit provides opportunities to both graduate and undergraduate students to develop their knowledge and skills and contribute to the Center's mission.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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