



## SINTE GLESKA UNIVERSITY

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

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**POSITION:** Project Launch Young Child wellness Partner

**DEPARTMENT:** TGKP

**SUPERVISOR:** TGKP Director

**CONTRACT:** 12 mo/Part Time

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#### **JOB SUMMARY:**

Project Launch Young Child Wellness Partner

Young Child Wellness Partner (YCWP) will be part of the core Project Launch team and participate in community wide coordination, infrastructure and capacity building activities with the Young Child Wellness Expert (YCWE) through expertise in children's mental health and systems. The aim of the YCWP with input from the Young Child Wellness Advisory Group and through community outreach and engagement is to increase collaboration between health and mental health programs and departments in order to serve children, ages 0-8 and their families.

#### **Key Responsibilities:**

- 1) Coordinating or assisting with the identification, recruitment, and retention of MCH stakeholders for participation in the Young Child Wellness Advisory Group (YCWAG), as appropriate, to guide the assessment and implementation process;
- 2) Participating in collaborative GPTCHB and RST Project LAUNCH meetings, including YCWAG meetings, to develop and implement a tribal specific MCH systems strategic plan of action, and provide guidance for sustainability to promote the healthy development and wellness of young children and families;
- 3) Assisting the GPTCHB and RST Project LAUNCH staff in conducting an assessment (including the collection of data) of community goals & priorities, resources & areas of need, & current information related to MCH health disparities to inform program implementation in the RST community;
- 4) Supporting and assisting GPTCHB and RST Project LAUNCH staff (as applicable) in determining and establishing the necessary logistics to ensure the successful implementation of the RST Project LAUNCH;

- 5) Coordinating the RST Project LAUNCH program services with other SGU Programs to avoid duplication of services;
- 6) Co-lead and co-facilitate RST Project LAUNCH community-level activities including, but not limited to, participating in community awareness activities for education and outreach, YCWAG meetings or other local community meetings to facilitate community communications and partnerships, establish and maintain linkages and referrals for Mental Health Services;
- 7) Identifying, directing, and utilizing SGU staff and resources in the tribal community to provide direct services as identified in the strategic plan, such as but not limited to, additional outreach, recruitment, case management, referral, and community education services to the Project LAUNCH Program participants; and
- 8) Providing culturally-informed guidance ensuring RST Project LAUNCH program activities build upon Lakota traditions, culture, strengths and healing practices, as a means to promote child, family, and community wellness and strengthen tribal identity.
- 9) Attend the SAMHSA Project Launch Joint Grantee Meeting.

**Qualifications:**

- 1) This position requires at the minimum a Bachelor's degree in Human services or a Health field related to young child and family comprehensive health services or five years of experience working in behavioral health in early childhood and early childhood systems or health related field and experience with a systems change initiative.
- 2) Requires knowledge of Lakota History, Culture, Traditions, Language and Spirituality.
- 3) Requires good communication skills, technology skills, organizational skills and ability to partner and work with multiple resources, children, ages 0-8 and their families.
- 4) Must be alcohol and drug free, able to pass a drug test, background check and have a valid driver's license.