Nevada Department of Education and

Division of Public and Behavioral Health Office of Suicide Prevention

**Job Description**

**STATEWIDE YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION COORDINATOR**

This position will be the link between education and suicide prevention to promote the integration of behavioral health policies related to children across systems. General duties include but are not limited to: Coordination of efforts, collaboration between partners, meeting facilitation, and policy advocacy. This position will be shared with Nevada’s DPBH Office of Suicide Prevention and NDE Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment. COVID-19 Responsiveness Suicide prevention in response to COVID-19 recovery and renewal is paramount to decrease students dying by suicide.

**Must meet one of the following combinations of experience/education to meet the qualifications.**

**Option 1:**

* Six (6) years of professional experience in public health, education, the non-profit community, or community-based organization providing program coordination/support. Program coordination/support includes providing training, consultation, resource development, and technical assistance to partners.

**OR**

**Option 2:**

* Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor’s degree in public health, psychology, sociology, social work, education, public policy, public administration, or closely related field; **AND**Two (2) years of professional experience in public health, education, the non-profit community, or a community-based organization.  Program coordination/support includes providing training, consultation, resource development, and technical assistance to partners.

**OR**

**Option 3:**

* A master’s degree from an accredited college or university in public health, psychology, sociology, social work, public policy, public administration, or a closely-related field.

**SPECIFIC DUTIES:**

1. Develop, implement, and evaluate statewide youth suicide prevention strategic plan with NDE and DPBH.
2. Shared with the Nevada DHHS Office of Suicide Prevention and Nevada Department of Education, Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment team to support and build capacity for supporting Youth Voice and Lived Experience around suicide prevention.
3. Shared efforts among NDE, DHHS, and other state and local agencies to improve the wellness of Nevada’s youth through school-based initiatives, with a focus on NDE’s implementation of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, and school based behavioral health systems
4. Manage ESSER III LEA funding opportunities and distribution
5. Engage by providing technical assistance and training opportunities to the statewide crisis response system.
6. Engage and support NRS and NAC requirements for suicide prevention with LEAs
7. Works collaboratively with family peer partner advocates to bring youth and families into arenas where policy and practice are discussed and decided.
8. Empowers the students and staff in schools through peer-to-peer, and staff suicide prevention training such as evidenced based student training supports for example Hope Squad and Teen Mental Health First Aid for students, coaching, and tool kits for student’s 6th grade and above. Priority Social and emotional support of students in response to COVID-19 Category.

**Goals:**

* Coordinate and/or Train staff and community members in youth suicide prevention through evidence-based training.
* Model and support diversity, equity and inclusiveness as well as participate in maintaining a respectful, positive work environment.
* Promote awareness of mental health and youth suicide prevention resources.
* Educate students and staff on how to recognize suicide warning signs and respectfully report concerns.
* Train students and staff how to support fellow students and staff who may be struggling.
* Reduce suicide attempts.
* Develop, maintain, and provide technical assistance on a school based non-suicidal self-injury and suicide prevention toolkits.

Interested candidates please email resume and three references to Liz Gray egray@doe.nv.gov