

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
JOB OPPORTUNITY
EDUCATION CONSULTANT
DIVISION OF FAMILY AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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Open To: The Public

Location: 165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Job Posting No. 00060395 – File #739

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Annual Salary: \$88,804*– \$113,450

Closing Date: December 30, 2011

***New hires to state employment start at the minimum of the above salary range.**

The Connecticut State Department of Education is currently recruiting for an Education Consultant position within the Bureau of Special Education.

Provide leadership in the area of speech and language services to Connecticut's public schools. A key responsibility will include serving as the state consultant for speech and language for students with disabilities. Other significant work may include policy guidance and training on appropriate special education identification and service delivery for English language learners with a language disability, focused monitoring of public schools, mediation and complaint investigation and providing technical assistance to parents, local education agencies (LEA'S) and other interested parties on all aspects of special education, and of language development as it relates to student achievement. Responsibilities and assignments may change to meet departmental needs.

Examples of duties:

- Lead consultant for the provision of training and technical assistance to the LEAs and families specific to quality programs for students requiring speech and language services.
- Provision of training and technical assistance on speech and language guidelines for speech pathologists serving in public schools.
- Provision of training and technical assistance of assistive technology and other related service needs of students with disabilities.
- Provision of training, technical assistance and monitoring of programs for students with disabilities.
- Program monitoring of state and federal law and regulation, preparation of state and federal reports, and grant management.
- Mediation and complaint investigation.
- Technical assistance to parents, LEAs and other interested parties on all aspects of special education, and language development as it relates to student achievement;
- Perform other duties and special assignments as determined by the Bureau Chief.

Knowledge, Skill and Abilities:

A thorough understanding of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) and regulations, especially those impacting the provision of speech and language services, related services and provision of technology; understanding of the planning and placement team process, individualized education program development and implementation in public or private special education programs. An understanding of language development in the context of the state's Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI) initiative and the implications of language development on student achievement. Experience in the appropriate evaluation and eligibility procedures for students who are non-English speakers and of differentiating between a disability and normal second language acquisition. Knowledge of other state agencies and their educational programs/policies and familiarity with national trends and state practices related to student support services. Additionally, skill in report writing; data analysis; development and managing of grants; ability to facilitate and contribute to small group meetings and individual discussions through interpersonal skills and professional knowledge; oral and written communication skills; and the ability to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships.

General Experience:

An earned advanced degree and eight (8) years of professional experience or in lieu thereof an equivalent combination of experience and training as approved by the appointing authority.

Preferred Experience and Training:

An earned advanced degree in speech pathology, current Connecticut certification and licensure as a speech and language pathologist. Prior experience in public schools as a speech and language pathologist with skill in the application of technology to support student learning. Knowledge, skill and experience with students having severe disabilities and the provision of related services to support their educational programs are preferred. Knowledge, skill and experience with the implementation of SRBI that address school improvement efforts.

The Department encourages applicants who do not meet the stated qualifications but who believe they possess equivalent qualifications to submit, in addition to their resumes, written statements indicating how their background and experience qualify them for the position.

Note: The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

Application Instructions:

Interested candidates should reference announcement #739, submit a letter of application and resume with details of experience and training, three pertinent professional letters of recommendation and an Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12) which may be obtained from the Department of Education web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov> to: **Anne Louise Thompson, Chief, Bureau of Special Education, State Department of Education, P.O. Box 2219, Room 359, Hartford, CT 06145-2219, Telephone Number (860) 713-6912.** *Applications must be postmarked no later than the closing date listed below. **All required documents must be submitted to be considered for interview.***

Closing date for applications: December 30, 2011 Anticipated date of employment: February 17, 2012

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