

**CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
DIVISION OF FAMILY AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

EDUCATION CONSULTANT

PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS BELOW!

Open To: The Public
Salary: \$88,804 –\$113,450*
Closing Date: February 1, 2011
Anticipated date of employment: March 11, 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.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

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) 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; and
- Perform other duties and special assignments as determined by the Bureau Chief.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge, Skill and Ability:

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; good oral and written communication skills; and the ability to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships.

Minimum Experience and Training Required:

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 addresses 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.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Interested candidates should reference announcement #739, submit a letter of application and resume with details of experience and training, three current professional letters of recommendation and an Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12) which may be obtained from the Department of Education website 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 above. All required documents must be submitted to be considered for interview.

“The State of Connecticut Department of Education is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons and does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal nondiscrimination laws. Inquiries regarding the Department of Education’s nondiscrimination policies should be directed to Levy Gillespie, Equal Employment Opportunity Director in the Affirmative Action Office, State of Connecticut Department of Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457, 860-807-2071.”

AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The State of Connecticut is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and strongly encourages the applications of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities.