State of Connecticut
JOB POSTING

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
JOB OPPORTUNITY
ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER
CENTRALIZED MEDICATION CONSENT UNIT (CMCU)

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Open To: The Public

Location: Hartford (Central Office)

Job Posting No: MB9627CO

Hours: 37.5 hours per week (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Salary: $76,041 - $103.411 (Annually)

Closing Date: February 29, 2012

The Department of Children and Families is seeking a child and adolescent psychiatric and mental health, "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" (APRN) to function as an essential staff within our CMCU team. The Centralized Medication Consent Unit (CMCU) consists of child psychiatrists and APRN's who work collaboratively to provide consent for psychotropic medications for DCF committed children. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Working collaboratively with the other APRN's in the CMCU to process state-wide provider calls, E-mails and faxed requests for psychotropic medications and to collect and enter data necessary to make informed consent decisions about psychotropic medication administration.

2. Working collaboratively with the Regional Medical Psychiatrists responding to the urgent and emergent psychiatric needs of children in DCF care who require medications to treat behavioral and emotional problems.

3. Responding to the needs and questions of community prescribers and the DCF Psychotropic Medication Advisory Committee (PMAC) about the Centralized Medication Consent Unit (CMCU) and the psychotropic medication permission process.

4. Responding to DCF physicians, Area Resource Group staff and Area Office staff regarding child specific medication consultations, questions and requests for medication history.

5. Providing education concerning psychotropic medication to DCF Area Office staff, the DCF Training Academy and community providers.

6. Participating on the monthly, interdisciplinary DCF Psychotropic Medication Advisory Committee (PMAC), sub-committees and attend regular continuing education opportunities.

Preference will be given to candidates that possess the following: Considerable knowledge of nursing principles and clinical therapeutic models as they relate to child and adolescent mental health needs; knowledge of diagnostic criteria per DSM IV TR; considerable clinical assessment and evaluation skills; considerable knowledge of pharmacology as it relates to advanced nursing practice with children and adolescents; knowledge and experience with cross-cultural mental health issues with children and adolescents; considerable interpersonal skills; considerable oral and written communication skills; considerable knowledge of relevant state and federal laws, statutes and regulations; knowledge of state, federal and local health care agencies and programs; administrative ability.

General Experience: A current license as an advanced practice registered nurse issued by the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Special Requirement: Incumbents in this class may be required to travel.

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

Application Instructions: Interested applicants must submit a CT-HR-12 (State Application), resume, letter of intent and three (3) letters of professional references from current and/or previous Supervisors to Morgan Bonilla at the address OR Fax # indicated below and reference position # MB2697CO. State employees must submit two most recent performance appraisals in lieu of references to:

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