

Mental Health Consultant

Must be a licensed or certified mental health professional with knowledge of and experience in serving young children (birth to age 5) and their families to include pregnant and post-partum women.

Contracted position

Paid time and travel serving the MOCA Head Start service area: Camden, Crawford, Gasconade, Laclede, Maries, Miller, Phelps and Pulaski.

Must be available to accompany staff to visit clients in homes if deemed necessary.

Duties will include:

- (1) Mental Health consultant will assist the program to implement strategies to identify and support children with mental health and social and emotional concerns;
- (2) Mental Health consultant will assist teachers to improve classroom management and teacher practices through strategies that include using classroom observations and consultations to address teacher and individual child needs and creating physical and cultural environments that promote positive mental health and social and emotional functioning
- (3) Mental Health consultant will assist other staff, including home visitors, to meet children's mental health and social and emotional needs through strategies that include observation and consultation
- (4) Mental Health consultant will assist staff to address prevalent child mental health concerns, including internalizing problems such as appearing withdrawn and externalizing problems such as challenging behaviors; and
- (5) Mental Health consultant will assist in helping both parents and staff to understand mental health and access mental health interventions, if needed.
- (6) Mental Health consultant will assist in the implementation of the policies to limit suspension and prohibit expulsion.