

Zero Suicide Initiative Coordinator Job Description

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Position Description - Responsibilities and Requirements:

Mental Health America of the MidSouth (MHA) is hiring two, full-time Zero Suicide Initiative Coordinator (ZSIC) – one for East TN and one for West TN. Each position reports directly to the Zero Suicide Director, based in Nashville. The ZSIC will be responsible for implementing the Zero Suicide initiative, which is a philosophy, protocol, and set of best practices to prevent suicides in hospitals, health facilities, prisons/jails, and private practices.

Duties will include:

- Serve as the East or West Tennessee Zero Suicide Initiative Coordinator, conducting trainings, education, and grant objectives in the respective TN Grand Region.
- Provide Technical Assistance to new and current organizations implementing the Zero Suicide Initiative.
- Manage and provide presentations to professional conferences, trainings, and in-services as it relates to ZSI.
- Provide resource linkage services and follow up to individuals as defined by the grant.
- Facilitate learning objectives geared to organizations in different phases of Zero Suicide implementation to enhance inter-agency communication.
- Manage gatekeeper and lethality assessment training and the suicide prevention program for target groups designated in the grant.
- Develop and disseminate regional mental health resource directories, wallet cards, posters and other materials to promote access to mental health services.
- As it pertains to grant objectives, partner with TDMHSAS, Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, Jason Foundation, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, etc.
- Oversee and facilitate training sessions involving the evidence-based suicide prevention training.
- Fulfill any and all other requirements of the grant and the scope of service within the assigned territory.
- Participate with and adhere to the cultural competency plans and a sustainability plans.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree required (Master's degree preferred) in social work, counseling, psychology, or related field. Minimum of three (3) years related experience in public health, correctional health, or behavioral health preferred, as well as experience working in suicide prevention or crisis intervention. Experience in training, coordinating multiple activities, developing new and innovative programs and supervising volunteers and/or field placement students.

Skills: Proficiency in MS Windows and MS Office. Ideal applicants will be self-motivated in applying new methodologies, teaching, training, and instruction.

Personal Qualities: Must be able to motivate others, work as a team member, value cultural differences, resolve conflicts, and display genuine interest in working with at-risk persons and with people who want to make an impact.

Requirements: Valid TN driver's license, vehicle that can reliably be used on the job, valid vehicle insurance. Must pass standard background check. Must be able to travel 50% of the time regionally and occasionally statewide. This is a full-time position requiring 37.5 hours weekly.

Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$44,000; health, retirement, and fringe benefits are excellent.

Contact Information and Procedure:

E-mail letter of interest and resume to Jackie Cavnar at jcavnar@mhamidsouth.org. Please detail your relevant degree and experience in behavioral health, correctional health, public health, or crisis services.

Alternately, you may send a letter and resume to:

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