
Job Title	Regional Coordinator / Health Educator
PVN ID	PH-2303-005511
Category	Research
Location	CUNY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH POLICY
Department	CUNY ISPH
Status	Full Time
Annual Salary	\$57,000.00 - \$62,000.00
Hour(s) a Week	35
Closing Date	May 22, 2023 (Or Until Filled)

General Description

Four positions: We are hiring four regional coordinator/health educators to do field work, one in each of the following regions:

- OPWDD Region 2 (Syracuse/Rochester)
- OPWDD Region 3 (Capital District/Albany)
- OPWDD Region 4 (New York City)
- OPWDD Region 5 (Long Island)

The CUNY Institute for Implementation Science in Population Health (ISPH) is recruiting four Regional Coordinators/Health Educators for New York City, Long Island, Capital District/Albany and the Syracuse/Rochester area, for a 5-year NIH-funded randomized controlled trial (RCT) of a socialization and sex education program among individuals with mild to moderate developmental disabilities, under the direction of co-Principal Investigators Suzanne McDermott and Heidi Jones, faculty at the CUNY School of Public Health.

The randomized controlled trial (RCT) will test a socialization and sex education curriculum among 856 adolescents and young adults (ages 16-27) with Down syndrome and other types of mild/moderate intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who receive services from the New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). Half of the participants will be randomized to receive a socialization and sex education curriculum, and the other half a physical exercise and nutrition intervention. The interventions will be 6-weeks and there will be questionnaires administered at numerous points before and after the interventions.

This position involves (1) recruitment and informed consent of adolescents and young adults, ages 16-27 years, who agree to participate in the study and to be randomly assigned to a reproductive health intervention or a healthy living intervention, (2) conducting a survey with each individual before the intervention, and (3) providing the delivery of the health education interventions in their home (for the Reproductive Health arm) and in small groups (for the Healthy Living arm). The Regional Coordinator/Health Educator will have a caseload of approximately 12 individuals for weekly one-on-one meetings and 2 groups of 6 individuals for weekly one-on-one group sessions during each 6-week cycle. The start date is April 1, 2023 (or mutually agreed upon

alternative).

Other Duties

The Regional Coordinator/Health Educator will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the study within their Region of OPWDD and will be supervised by the Project Manager and the Co-Principal Investigators, through weekly in-person and/or remote meetings. The job involves field work providing both in-home individual instruction and group session. Mileage reimbursement will be provided within the region.

Regional Coordination duties include:

- Making contact with disability service providers and attendance at Service Provider meetings, to encourage recruitment
- Recruitment of study participants through service providers
- Administration of informed consent/assent to participants
- Scheduling appointments, maintaining accurate visit completion records, and data entry
- Administering surveys before the intervention to all participants
- After receiving training on the interventions, implementing the 6-week individual socialization and sex education curriculum (in people's homes) for 12 individuals per cycle, and two 6-week group physical and nutrition intervention (in community meeting places) groups, each cycle. Assignment to the individual or group intervention will be based on randomization scheme
- Working with self-advocates/lived experience consultants to identify solutions to challenges that arise
- Completing progress reports

Qualifications

- At least two years of fieldwork experience with adolescents or adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)
- At least a bachelor's degree (BA or BS)
- Ability to travel within region to provide the intervention in people's homes or in community settings
- Evidence of collaboration with colleagues