



## Kalamazoo County Area Schools Employment Consortium

# Employment Application

Openings as of 12/4/2019

### ***Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Parent Liaison***

**JobID: 5946**

**Position Type:**

Professional Support Services/Early Childhood

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**Date Posted:**

12/4/2019

**Location:**

KRESA/West Campus

**Closing Date:**

01/10/2020

**Division:**

Early Childhood

**Position Type:**

Part-time, 10-Month

**Responsibilities:**

Responsible for establishing a diverse countywide coalition of parents who will serve as resources to the early childhood agencies with the goal of improving services and systems for all parents and children in Kalamazoo County.

Using a strengths-based framework, help families build their Protective Factors (Parental Resilience, Concrete Support, Social Connections, Knowledge of Child Development, Social-Emotional Competence of Children).

Attend and participate in appropriate early childhood meetings within Kalamazoo RESA.

Be a connector between the early childhood professionals and families, acting professionally at all times.

Communicate pertinent information to local parents of all backgrounds.

Establish and/or maintain positive relationships with local organizations and community partners.

Participate in community events and committees based upon the approved work plan, desired goals and objectives.

Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

Ability to connect with families from a variety of backgrounds. Be approachable and genuine when interacting with parents and professionals. Level of comfort discussing difficult discussions of equity. Experience facilitating productive meetings where all participants are heard. Be an effective communicator in both verbal and written formats. Be self-motivated and self-directed. Know how to encourage, lead

and facilitate a group toward a shared goal. Flexibility and creativity in contacting community members and parents. Willingness and ability to travel across Kalamazoo County. Willingness and ability to attend occasional overnight trainings (state-wide or nationally). Embraces and supports Kalamazoo RESA philosophies related to diversity, inclusiveness and anti-racism. Ability to interact effectively with individuals from a wide range of cultures. Ability to discuss cultural differences with colleagues and clients. Ability to assess one's own strengths and limitations or challenges and integrate this understanding into interpersonal interactions.

**Preferred Skills:**

Bachelor's degree in a related field (education, social work, organizational psychology, etc.). Experience as a parent/primary caregiver of a young child. Experience navigating the local system of family support. Basic computer skills (Google Drive, Word, Excel). Competency using social media to connect with families (Facebook, Twitter, group texts, etc.). Familiarity with MDE Office of Great Start's Early Childhood Outcomes. Familiarity with systems change work. Ability to select and develop appropriate methods, skills and techniques attuned to people's cultural, multicultural or marginal experiences in their environments. Ability to effectively employ multicultural approaches in resolving problems.

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