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Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

DEPARTMENT:

JOB TITLE: School Psychologist

SUPERVISOR: Principal

DIVISION: Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

STARTING SALARY: \$36,924 - \$70,824 DOE

START DATE: July 4, 2020

LOCATION OF JOB: Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, Great Falls MT

SUPPLEMENT REQUIRED: Yes

STATUS:

POSITION NUMBER: 51303110

BARGAINING UNIT: MFPE

CLOSING DATE: May 31, 2020

TYPICAL DUTIES:

The purpose of this position is to provide consultation to families and school staff, provide and coordinate evaluations to qualify students for special education services, provide interventions and supports during crises, and to implement measures to prevent and/or improve mental, psychological and physical health.

- *Consults with teachers and houseparents/parents, support staff and administration to find effective solutions/supports for learning or behavior problems, and to monitor progress.*
 - *Works with mental health and social service providers in the community to serve as a liaison and to strengthen working relationships.*
 - *Provides short-term, school-based counseling to help resolve interpersonal or family problems that interfere with school performance*
 - *Assists school and families to manage crises such as death, illness or community trauma.*
 - *Collaborates with school staff and community agencies to provide services directed at improving psychological and physical health.*
 - *Serves as a member of IEP teams as requested and as a member of the school's Intervention Team.*
 - *Other duties as assigned.*
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QUALIFICATIONS:

Masters Degree in School Psychology or related field, with a year long school psychology internship and state certification is required.

- * Knowledge about appropriate assessments to use with students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired or deafblind.
 - * Knowledge about child development.
 - * Knowledge of general special education practices and specifically best practices in working with students (age birth-21) who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind.
 - * Ability to listen, communicate clearly, and solve problems.
 - * Ability to develop and maintain excellent relationships with a broad range of constituents.
 - * Ability to function as a member of a team with the ability to see and accept (not necessarily agree with) other's perspective.
 - * Working knowledge of special education law and the ER/IEP process.
 - * Ability to comply with data collection, reporting timeframes, and records management requirements.
 - * Self-motivated and able to work with limited supervision.
 - * Willingness to adapt communication and language to work with a variety of students and staff.
 - * Adhere to confidentiality of sensitive and federally protected information.
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ACCOMMODATIONS: The State of Montana and the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with an applicant's ability to compete in the recruitment and selection process. For the school to consider any such accommodations, the applicant must notify the school in writing of any needed accommodation by the application deadline.

IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT: In accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act, the person selected must produce within three (3) days of hire, documentation that he/she is authorized to work in the United States. Examples of such documentation include a birth certificate or social security card along with a driver's license or other picture I.D., a United States passport or a green card.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: MSDB is a non-smoking environment. There are no authorized smoking areas and smoke breaks are not given. All successful candidates must submit to a background check, which includes a criminal record review, and must not possess any felony or DUI convictions. Additionally, an "Applicant Release Form" must be completed and signed as part of the application.

The work performed in a typical setting at MSDB involves mostly sedentary to light physical activity, typically requiring occasional exertion of up to 20 lbs. of force and walking or standing to a significant degree. The employee may need to climb stairs, bend, stoop, reach, and handle objects. The employee may occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 lbs. The person in this position works in multiple buildings across campus and must be able to travel independently between buildings.

This position requires interactions with staff who may have very different and very strong beliefs about the best ways to educate students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The person in this position must be open-minded and respectful regarding different educational philosophies. This position requires some amount of time engaging in signing which has been known to lead to repetitive motion injuries such as carpal tunnel.

The successful candidate will be required to have or obtain fluent ASL and English skills to communicate with staff. New employees must meet the requirements of MSDB Policy 5124 Employee Sign Language Skills and will be evaluated through the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI). New employees to this position must meet the Target Skill level Standard of "Advanced Plus" within three years of the date of hire.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD: All employees shall serve a probationary period of one year (see A.R.M. Section 2.21.3808(2)). Policy 5123

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS: Selection procedures to be used in evaluating applicant's qualifications include an evaluation of the Montana State Application form, structured interview, and reference checks. Incomplete or unsigned application forms may not be considered.

APPLICATION: <https://statecareers.mt.gov>

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

The Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). MSDB will not discriminate in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices, based on race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth, disability, age, political or religious affiliation or ideas, culture, creed, ancestry, social origin or condition, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military service or veteran status, marital status. Announcement of this policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Employees and participants who have an inquiry or complaint of harassment or discrimination, or who need information about accommodations for persons with disabilities, should contact the Affirmative Action Officer, Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, 3911 Central Avenue, Great Falls, Montana 59405. Phone (406) 771-6000
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