

Cattaraugus & Wyoming Counties Project Head Start  
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***Mental Health Consultant:*** To serve 252 Head Start (ages 3-4 years) and 30 Early Head Start (ages birth to 3 years) children and families in Cattaraugus County with locations in Delevan, Franklinville, Olean (4 sites), and Salamanca. Also serve 20 Early Head Start families in Wyoming County as part of the Early Head Start Family Wellness Project.

**Duties include** 1) regular site visits and observations of 14 classrooms and 3-4 group socialization activities at least twice each school year to help support the emotional well-being of children and families; 2) making mental health and wellness information available to staff with concerns that may affect their job performance; 3) help staff and families to understand the meaning of children's behavior, appreciate children's unique temperaments, develop responsive caregiving approaches for each child, access additional mental health supports for staff, children, and families 4) help staff to create safe, stable, and secure environments; 5) review screening results and child observations in order to develop individualized, culturally responsive behavior plans for young children who demonstrate persistent challenging behavior; 6) provide training for staff to enhance nurturing caregiving and appropriate communication.

**Qualifications** a) Must possess extensive knowledge of local mental health referral sources. b) must be a child psychiatrist, a licensed psychologist, psychiatric nurse or psychiatric social worker, c) Must have experience in working with young children and their families.

Candidates must submit the following to Ms. Roberta Shipley, Cattaraugus & Wyoming Counties Project Head Start, 101 South 19th Street, Olean, NY 14760.

- Evidence of satisfying the qualifications
- Evidence of professional liability insurance
- Price per hour of services - address whether or not travel time is included or if travel time is subject to a different price per hour.