



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Family Preservation Specialist

The Denver Indian Family Resource Center (DIFRC) has an immediate opening for a full-time Family Preservation Specialist under its Statewide Strategic Use Fund (SSUF) grant.

The Family Preservation Specialist delivers intensive case management services, within the boundaries of the DIFRC Family Preservation Model (FPM), to American Indian families with high level service needs that stem from multiple and persistent challenges. The Family Preservation Specialist strives to help families to more effectively meet these challenges while simultaneously recognizing and drawing upon family and cultural strengths for supporting change. The intensive case management services provided by the Family Preservation Specialist support the positive adjustment, development, and self-sufficiency of these families and their members and have as their goal assisting families to avoid involvement with the child welfare system. As part of the direct services provided to families, the Family Preservation Specialist collaborates with county child welfare staff, courts, and community based providers.

In addition to direct service provision to families, the Family Preservation Specialist supports DIFRC's efforts at reducing the number of American Indian children involved in the child welfare system through participation in the agency's and the FPM's system change interventions. Finally, the Family Preservation Specialist supports the formal evaluation of the DIFRC FPM by collecting program data for each individual served, maintaining electronic case records, and providing input to the Project Director and Evaluation Consultant.

Qualifications:

- Master's Degree in Social Work or Counseling.
- Professional certification or licensure in the State of Colorado, or eligibility for such licensure within one year of date of hire.
- At least two years of experience providing counseling and/or clinical services in a child and family setting and with individuals who have mental health, substance abuse, and/or domestic violence issues.
- A minimum of two years of experience providing services related to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and knowledge of the child welfare and legal systems pertaining to the ICWA.
- Broad knowledge of social work practice and clinical theory, including diagnostic and treatment skills in a family systems approach.
- Extensive knowledge of American Indian culture and experience working within Indian communities; ability to integrate cultural knowledge with social work practice.

The successful candidate will:

- Successfully pass a government required criminal background check.
- Possess reliable transportation, a valid Colorado driver's license, and proof of automobile insurance coverage.
- Meet physical requirements for this position: 60% fieldwork with potential for minimal safety risk during home visits.

Salary range and benefits package for this position are competitive with other non-profit human service agencies in Colorado.

Please send or e-mail resume and letter of interest to Madonna Rogers, Denver Indian Family Resource Center, 393 S. Harlan St., Ste. 100, Lakewood, CO 80226; mrogers@difrc.org

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