

# Job Description Associate Program Director, Human Services County Solutions and Innovation Department

### **POSITIONS SUMMARY:**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) in Washington, D.C., announces an opening for an Associate Program Director to lead the association's human services portfolio. The duties include a variety of professional assignments aimed at informing, educating and assisting county officials across the United States who are building early childhood development systems. This position requires an individual who is a self-starter, takes initiative and makes a good first impression of the organization and its programming. Applicants must have experience with and knowledge of human services, social services, education and child welfare issues with a focus on early childhood development.

This is a new position created to lead the Association's activities in a national initiative addressing early childhood development. This position offers a great opportunity to develop a new program area.

## **POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Managing the day-to-day quality, conduct and completion of project deliverables and ongoing
  relations with foundation partners, other NACo departments and members, as an active part of a
  team.
- Providing technical assistance to county officials; responding to requests for information; making presentations at national; regional; state and local meetings; initiating peer-to-peer exchanges between and among county officials; disseminating best practices information; and acting as liaison between NACo members, foundations, government agencies and non-profit organizations.
- Conducting research and studies of best practices and developing and writing publications.
- Planning and implementing workshops, mini-forums, presentations and meetings for NACo conferences.
- Planning, facilitating and completing webinars, news articles and social media campaigns to support relevant project deliverables.
- Coordinating program activities within NACo and with other national, regional and state based organizations to maximize the educational benefits to county governments.
- Representing NACo and the County Solutions and Innovation Department in NACo-wide activities, including conference planning and implementation, membership recruitment and

retention, marketing, website updates and maintenance, *County News* articles and contributions, and internal and external meetings.

- Providing staff support for NACo advisory committees and affiliate organizations, as assigned.
- Participating in program development activities, including identifying potential funding organizations; writing grant proposals; establishing project objectives, activities and deliverables; and developing project budgets.
- Other duties as assigned.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

7-10 years' experience required, prefer master's degree and education and/or experience in public policy, human services field or related area.

Must possess the following:

- excellent oral and written communications skills;
- ability to manage multiple projects;
- ability and willingness to work as part of a team;
- ability to meet deadlines and work well under pressure;
- ability to work well in a political environment;
- ability to work well with external partners; and
- knowledge of local governments and relevant organizations.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to  $\underline{resumes@naco.org}$  or go on line for more information at  $\underline{www.NACo.org}$ .

Employees of NACo enjoy a fun and challenging environment with a wide range of competitive benefits. Benefits include comprehensive medical, vision and dental insurance coverage; paid holidays and leave; tuition reimbursement; group life insurance, 401(k) match and pension plans, credit union membership; and short-term/long-term disability coverage.

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