

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The mission of the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults is to enable each person who is deaf-blind to live and work in his or her community of choice. Authorized by an Act of Congress in 1967, HKNC is the only organization of its kind—providing training and resources exclusively to people age 16 and over who have combined vision and hearing loss. Students travel from across the country to our headquarters in Sands Point, New York, for on-campus training in assistive technology, vocational services, orientation and mobility, communication and independent living, and our regional offices bring HKNC resources to communities throughout the United States. Employment at HKNC is a "one-of-a-kind" experience and at HKNC, we seek employees who have a strong work ethic, strive for excellence, enjoy a challenge, and are highly motivated and creative.

We currently have an exciting career opportunity available to work as our Older Adult Specialist. Position location is flexible nationally. The Older Adult Program Specialist provides, provide consultation, technical assistance, training, advocacy, resource materials and program development on behalf of **senior adults, ages 55 and better**, who are experiencing combined loss of vision and hearing on a national basis. Specific duties include:

- Conduct training and provide educational opportunities through seminars, workshops, and other programs for professionals working in rehabilitation, gerontology, social work, and health related fields, to enhance their ability to work with senior adults experiencing vision and hearing loss.
- Develop and conduct Confident Living Programs (CLP) at the Helen Keller National Center in New York, as well as in various states across the country, for consumers, family members; caregivers, service providers, and staff from other service organizations.
- Provide consultation and technical assistance to HKNC staff and other agencies/organizations providing services to senior adults with vision and hearing loss.
- Co-facilitate National Community of Practice subcommittee comprised of organizations working with senior adults with combined vision and hearing loss.
- Contribute to grant writing and implementation of grant objectives with Universities and other national partners.
- Develop and disseminate resource material focusing on the abilities as well as the needs of senior adults with vision and hearing loss.
- Advocate, locally and nationally for development of and enhanced services for Senior Adults with combined vision and hearing loss. Collaborate with National agencies to explore common objectives, work together to enhance and expand services. Work collaboratively with HKNC Regional Representatives to train professionals across country to implement Confident Living Program.

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- Collaborate with long-term care facilities, nursing homes, Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB) staff, Centers for Independent Living, and assisted living programs to integrate principles and strategies of Confident Living Program with senior adults who have combined vision and hearing loss.
- Identify, develop and disseminate information and resources about model programs, service coordination and training strategies for senior adults with vision and hearing loss. (webinars, list serves, videos, journal articles)
- Prepare and distribute reports, e.g., consumer and service summary reports, annual reports, data for File Maker Pro and other outcome measurements for Technical Assistance and other correspondence as required.
- Organize and process work in a timely matter, including information requests from consumers, service providers and others.
- Manage Senior Adult Services budget, as well as grants and special project budgets.
- Maintain knowledge, skills, use of technology through ongoing learning and regular interaction with HKNC transdisciplinary team

Individual must be a self-starter, have the ability to work independently while being a strong team player. Strong written and communication skills required. Position requires travel.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE:

Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, Gerontology, Vision Rehabilitation, Social Work, Psychology, or related degree required. Three years related work experience with people who are deaf-blind, deaf, blind, or those with combined loss of vision and hearing required. Experience working with senior adults preferred. Strong competency in public speaking, writing, and in program development and implementation also required. Must have experience using, or knowledge about, assistive listening devices, hearing aids, independent living aids and devices, and alerting devices for consumers with combined vision and hearing loss.

Ability to communicate in American Sign Language strongly preferred. Knowledge of various communication systems used by individuals who are deaf-blind or who have combined loss of vision and hearing. Strong computer skills required including MS PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook and Word.

Interviews are by appointment only. Only those candidates qualified for current open positions will be contacted for an interview.

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