

Position Announcement: November 2014

Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator

for Community-based Prevention: *Communities That Care* Initiative

Prevention Research Center – Penn State University

The Prevention Research Center at Penn State University is seeking candidates for the position of **Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator – Community-based Prevention** as part of the Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center ([EPISCenter](#)). This position is part of a team responsible for providing technical assistance to communities throughout Pennsylvania in their implementation of the *Communities That Care* risk-focused prevention model for preventing and reducing youth delinquency and substance use. Visit our website [to learn more about CTC](#), the coalitions we support, and the work we do.

Responsibilities

Training and Technical Assistance:

This position requires the ability to successfully train adults in a complex infrastructure-building process. This includes regular consultation with *Communities That Care* sites (community prevention coalitions) regarding:

- Coalition functioning and organization (mobilizer development, milestones & benchmarks, goal orientation, conflict, member turnover),
- Community risk and resource assessment (using data to prioritize community prevention needs)
- Selection and implementation of effective prevention programs and strategies,
- Evaluation and impact assessment, and
- Sustainability (of programs and prevention planning infrastructure)

The successful candidate will collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to develop technical assistance tools and resources, and provide support for a learning community of existing coalitions.

Strategic Development:

In addition to ongoing consultation with individual coalitions, this position provides a number of opportunities for strategic development of the statewide prevention initiative in PA. This can include:

- Supporting the development of the bi-annual Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) and recruiting school district participation in PA's essential survey for prevention planning,
- Collaborating and partnering with state agencies on adopting a public health framework for prevention,
- Cultivating relationships and interest in adopting the CTC model for prevention in districts and counties where CTC is not currently established,
- Facilitating the statewide Coalition Advisory Board meetings,
- Coordinating with prevention, intervention, and juvenile justice teams to integrate across initiatives, and
- Identifying other opportunities for strategic development.

This position is based in the Prevention Research Center at University Park/State College and is responsible for the Northwest, Northeast, and Southwest regions of Pennsylvania. This position requires regular travel (30-50% of time) throughout Pennsylvania, particularly in those regions. [View our map of coalitions in PA.](#)

Qualities of a Successful Candidate:

- Ability to be a self-directed team player,
- Knowledge of, and interest in, the unique strengths and needs of rural communities,
- Dynamic personality, ability to analyze problems and motivate change,
- Strong facilitation skills,
- Flexibility to quickly adjust priorities, and
- Comfortable speaking about prevention research (or willing to learn).

Qualifications:

A Bachelor's degree in psychology, public health, education, human services or a related field is required; a Master's Degree is preferred. In addition, candidates **must** have a minimum of five years of related paid experience involving community-based prevention, community mobilization, or other directly relevant work.

Benefits:

This full-time position offers full University benefits including tuition discount for children and spouse. The position is grant-funded for one year from date of hire with excellent possibility for annual renewal. More details on PSU's benefits package can be found [here](#).

About EPISCenter:

The EPISCenter is a [nationally recognized model](#) for prevention of youth violence, delinquency, and substance use through support of effective practice and inter-system collaboration. Established in 2008, the EPISCenter is the result of a long-standing partnership between the PRC and PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to achieve PA's violence prevention mission. EPISCenter focuses on the translation of prevention science to policy and practice, and is essential to the dissemination, sustainability, and quality implementation of evidence-based programs and practice across the Commonwealth. EPIS is a project within the PRC that is funded by PCCD and the Department of Public Welfare.

Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity and the diversity of its workforce.

How to Apply:

Screening of candidates will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. To apply, send resume and cover letter, **with detailed description of prevention coalition experience and salary history via email** to:

EPISCenter@psu.edu

Attn: Stephanie Bradley, Managing Director.

Please include "CTC Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator" in the email subject line.

The EPISCenter represents a collaborative partnership between the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), and the Prevention Research Center, College of Health and Human Development, Penn State University. The EPISCenter is funded by PCCD and the Department of Public Welfare. This resource was developed by the EPISCenter through PCCD grant VP-ST-24368.

