



## **PROGRAM NAME**

### **Job Description**

**Title:** Korean Outreach Specialist

**Full Time** (from date of hire until June 30, 2012)

**Position Objective:** Coordinate public education and outreach activities to Korean-speaking older adults, their families and their service providers within the 5 boroughs of New York City. Responding to incoming calls from Korean-speaking callers on our Asian LifeNet and LifeNet phone lines by providing crisis counseling, crisis intervention, information and referrals.

**Reports to:** Director of Public Education/Assistant Director of Training, LifeNet

#### **Major duties and responsibilities:**

- Establish and maintain close links with Korean community organizations, businesses and media, particularly those that serve Korean-speaking older adults, to enhance public awareness of mental illness/substance abuse and their treatment
- Make presentations about mental health/substance abuse to the general public and to professionals in the Korean community, particularly those that serve Korean older adults
- Participate in community events to raise awareness of mental health/substance abuse issues
- Serve as a liaison to hotline staff regarding relevant community issues and service availability within the Korean community.
- Field calls on Asian LifeNet, LifeNet and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
- Conduct clinical assessments.
- Provide crisis counseling and crisis intervention, as determined by assessment.
- Provide information and referrals to services.
- Follow LifeNet policies related to different follow up programs.

**Qualifications:**

Fluency in Korean and English is a must. A Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree strongly preferred, in Psychology, Social Work or related field plus experience in mental health counseling. Crisis intervention and/or mental health information and referral services experience a plus, as is experience working with or on behalf of older adults and their families. Additionally, the candidate should have experience in the mental health field, and in performing community organizing/outreach functions. Applicants should be comfortable working independently and as part of a team in a collegial group environment. The position requires a high level of organization, ability to meet deadlines and to multi-task, as well as skill working with individuals as well as with other organizations.

Qualified applicants should send resume and cover letter to:

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