Early Head Start Mental Health Consultant, All Our Kin  
Part Time, New Haven, CT

All Our Kin, is seeking a Mental Health Consultant to enthusiastically support All Our Kin’s Early Head Start (EHS) program in New Haven, Hamden, and West Haven, CT. This is a contractor position that includes an average of 5 hours of contract work per month.

All Our Kin is a nationally-recognized, nonprofit organization that trains, supports, and sustains community child care providers to ensure that children and families have the foundation they need to succeed in school and in life. Early Head Start is a federally funded program that connects low-income families with free or low cost, high-quality child care and wraparound services. All Our Kin delivers Early Head Start services to 46 children and families in partnership with eleven licensed, enriching family child care providers.

All Our Kin believes all children deserve access to high-quality early learning opportunities. Through our programs, family child care professionals and educators succeed as business owners; working parents find stable, high-quality care for their children; and our youngest and most vulnerable children receive the early learning experiences that prepare them to succeed in school and in life.

Today, we serve over 400 family child care providers in New Haven, Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford; these educators serve over 2,400 children in our community. In 2018, we expanded our reach with the launch of All Our Kin in the Bronx, NY. To learn more about our work, please visit www.allourkin.org.

We offer the EHS Mental Health Consultant an hourly rate of $60, schedule flexibility in meeting position requirements, and the opportunity to work with a team of skilled and motivated professionals.

Key responsibilities of the Mental Health Consultant include:
- Provide mental health services to Family Child Care (FCC) educators, children, families, and Staff
- Conduct annual observations in FCC programs
- Provide assistance to staff in supporting children’s full range of behaviors and emotions.
- Provide mental health education, training and consultation to staff and parents.
- Conduct child-specific observations
- Coordinate referrals for children, families, FCC educators, and staff
- Develop and deliver trainings and workshops for FCC educators, staff, and families on topics related to mental health
Essential functions:

- Record-Keeping and Reporting:
  - Write comprehensive, strengths-based reports for staff and families on general program observations and child-specific observations
- Communication:
  - Communicate with educators, staff and families regarding children and services
  - Provide training for educators, staff and families
- Planning:
  - Assist in the implementation of services and plans, such as Individual Family Service Plans (IFSPs),
  - Create child-specific action plans, and transition planning to the LEA and preschool settings as applicable

Ideal candidates will:

- Have a minimum of a master’s degree in a human services field with licensure or certification from an accredited state board
- Provide evidence of passing a physical exam and TB test within 3 weeks of hire (or paperwork dated in the past 6 months)
- Experience and/or knowledge of Infant-Toddler Development
- Demonstrate the ability to use standard Office software and online databases
- Actively work to combat systemic racism and injustice internally and externally
- Understand and respect educator and families’ knowledge about their own experiences
- Approach provider development with a strengths-based mindset and believe all providers can improve, whatever their starting point
- Demonstrated experience developing respectful working relationships with people of a variety of cultural backgrounds and beliefs
- Be flexible and open to continuous learning
- Believe in the All Our Kin mission, model and values
- Bilingual in Spanish/English a plus
- Experience with family/home-based child care a plus

How to Apply:

Please apply through https://allourkin.recruitee.com/o/early-head-start-mental-health-consultant-all-our-kin-part-time-new-haven-ct with a cover letter and resume. Thank you!