



MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

ABOUT EDUCARE DC

Educare DC is growing to serve 424 children from prenatal to five years – and their families – through our state-of-the-art center and community partnerships. Building on the foundation of Early Head Start and Head Start and NAEYC-accredited, Educare DC promotes school readiness by providing high-quality, comprehensive early learning for children who are historically underserved, eliminating the opportunity gap often experienced by low-income communities. Our school's model emphasizes data utilization, high-quality teaching practices, embedded professional development, and intensive family engagement. Educare DC is part of the 25-school Educare Learning Network that serves as a platform for broader change nationwide.

WHY EDUCARE DC

- Join a strong team that is passionate about our children and values each person's unique contributions
- Provide high-quality and individualized early learning to the families who need it most
- Learn and grow through personalized coaching and mentorship
- Lead in our state-of-the-art facilities that are custom-built for young children and families and takes a nimble approach to virtual programming

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to the **Comprehensive Service Manager**, the **Mental Health Specialist** supports the Comprehensive Services team by working with Educare DC staff and families to develop and implement individualized behavior plans for children ages birth to five years of age, as well as individualized classroom interventions. More specifically, this position is responsible for demonstrating the following:

- Support children with challenging behavior/social emotional delays to access Educare DC's high-quality programming by adapting general education experiences and teaching basic skills, such as self-regulation and communication techniques
- Establish developmentally-appropriate classroom environments favorable to the development and personal growth of all children
- Implement all program requirements in accordance with applicable standards as prescribed by the multiple funding and model requirements
- Collaborate with teachers of children who exhibit a wide range of learning, mental, and emotional abilities
- Provide direct interventions for children (birth to five years of age) that need individual support
- Monitor appropriate implementation of classroom interventions for children with social emotional concerns

QUALIFICATIONS

Educare DC seeks candidates who are results-oriented and have the ability and willingness to work in a program located in a high-risk, low income community. You should have the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in psychology or a related field or a certification in applied behavior analysis
- Knowledge and experience early childhood education; developmentally appropriate practice; emergent literacy and social/emotional development
- Personal qualities such as emotional maturity; respect for children and adults; alignment with Educare DC's programmatic philosophy; flexibility; and patience
- Experience collaborating with parents in the education and care of their children

The salary range is **\$55,000 - \$63,500**, commensurate with experience. Educare DC offers a competitive benefits package that includes medical, dental and vision insurance, retirement accounts with company match, paid leave, and more. Educare DC is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. Diverse candidates are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit your resume via email to jobs@educaredc.org or by mail to Attn: Educare DC, 640 Anacostia Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20019. For additional information on Educare DC and Educare schools, please visit www.educaredc.org and www.educareschools.org, respectively.