Mano a Mano Family Center
Outreach
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Mano a Mano Family Center works to connect clients to existing community resources. Clients experiencing a personal or family emergency will contact our offices, as well as those seeking information about community resources. Our staff and volunteers work to help clients develop a plan of action to resolve their crisis, and provide referrals to resources that will help them overcome such life challenges.

The mission of our organization is to educate our Latino and low income clients to become self-sufficient and active contributors to the wellbeing of their community. The goal of all of our programs and services is to support the development of safe, healthy, nurturing and strong families and communities. We are the oldest Latino-led community organization in the Salem-Keizer area. 75% of our total clients are Latinos, and about 65% of all clients are female. 88% of all our clients are low income.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Mano a Mano Family Center conducts outreach throughout Marion-Polk County to educate people about existing resources, both at our agency and through our partners. This outreach is conducted through various means at events and outreach opportunities throughout the area, such as information fairs, group presentations, door knocking. The goal is to ensure widespread knowledge of existing supports, so that when needed, community members will know where and how to access whatever resources they might need.

Access to supports in times of need has been identified as part of the Five Protective Factors for Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect, under the Strengthening Families framework. Thus, educating clients about existing resources, and helping them to access them as needed will have a short term and long term benefit to the individual and the family.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

- Assist in developing and preparing outreach materials for presentations at various community events
- Assist in tracking data at outreach events for evaluation purposes (i.e., number of attendees, materials distributed, etc.)

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• Support staff in delivering presentations to community groups
• Provide support to staff in coordinating outreach events
• Present information to community members, with supervision of staff

QUALIFICATIONS:

• Submit to a Criminal History Check
• Commit to work two terms
• Ability to work with individuals from different backgrounds and various needs
• Ability to follow verbal and or written instructions
• Ability to work under stress, multi-task and handle stressful situations
• Demonstrate personal initiative and willingness to learn
• Being bicultural in Spanish, and in the Latino culture, is a plus because of the population we work with, but it is not required for this position.
• Being bilingual in Spanish and English is required.

A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK, DRUG SCREENING, AND TB TEST IS REQUIRED OF ALL INTERN/PRACTICUM STUDENTS.

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward.