

The School Mental Health Collaborative (SMHC) Research, Training, and Technical Assistance Center at the University of South Florida (USF) is offering a two year **Research Assistant Professor** position with potential for renewal. The position will involve coordinating two multi-year grants focusing on suicide prevention in middle schools and preparing school psychology graduate students for research positions. SMHC (www.smhcollaborative.org) is a multi-university consortium that conducts research that informs policy and practice related to the promotion of social-emotional and behavioral success of all youth. The Research Assistant Professor would join a rapidly growing team led by USF faculty (Drs. Nate von der Embse, Shannon Suldo, and Evan Dart), and includes a Center Director, two Postdoctoral Fellows, two Research Assistant Professors, and numerous graduate students. USF is a high-impact, global research university located in the beautiful Tampa Bay area and is one of only 40 public universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as Community Engaged by the Carnegie Foundation. The USF School Psychology Program is among the top in the nation, has active research projects of nearly \$40 million, and offers Ed.S. and Ph.D. programs that are accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) and approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

KEY FUNCTIONS AND EXPECTED PERFORMANCES

- First, the Research Assistant Professor will assume a leadership position on a five year SAMHSA funded grant focusing on installing suicide prevention protocols in middle schools across three large school districts in Florida. Project activities will utilize suicide prevention and intervention training models, universal screening for mental health, safety planning, and care coordination services post emergency care and hospitalization. The project director will be in charge of managing school district partnerships, project oversight, scheduling and coordinating trainings, and facilitating data access.
- Second, the Research Assistant Professor will partner with program directors of a OSEP funded training grant for preparing future faculty and will implement key activities including recruitment and retention of scholars, required activities (e.g., seminars, practicum in high needs LEA), progression through the training program, and annual reports to OSEP.
- Third, the Research Assistant Professor will engage in consultation and technical assistance to facilitate the implementation of preventative Tier I and Tier II school mental health services through SMHC.
- Lastly, the Research Assistant Professor will engage in grant writing, contract procurement, and research dissemination activities, in collaboration with other members of the SMHC Center.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- An earned doctoral degree in school psychology, special education, or related field by August 2023
- Experience supervision and coaching in a school setting
- Training and practice orientation in Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
- Experience with implementing suicide prevention protocols
- Ability to work independently and initiate tasks

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications should include cover letter describing interest in position and career goals, curriculum vitae, three names of references to be contacted. **Review of applications will commence immediately** and interested candidates should email questions and materials to Drs. Nate von der Embse (natev@usf.edu) and Evan Dart (ehd@usf.edu). The first round of virtual interviews will begin May 1st.