

**Prevention Specialist, Program Team, Program Development and Quality Improvement Branch
Division of STD Prevention, NCHHSTP, CDC**

Public Health Advisor (GS-685) 12/13 (2 vacancies)

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Application Closing Date: 2/4/19

The Division of STD Prevention (DSTDP), National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provides national leadership, research, policy development, and scientific information to reduce and prevent STDs. The Program Development and Quality Improvement Branch (PDQIB) is responsible for the management and oversight of programs supporting both health department STD prevention and control programs and clinical training centers as well as the wider health care community. The Branch is comprised of 3 teams: Program, Evaluation, and Clinical. It focuses on knowledge translation, continuous quality improvement, program evaluation, monitoring and technical support and assistance to funded programs.

The Program Team is responsible for the management and oversight of DSTDP's flagship cooperative agreement PS19-1901, "Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments" (STD PCHD) funding 59 state/local health departments for core STD prevention and control activities. The Program Team serves as a critical interface between these state/local health department STD programs and other Division staff and funded programs, such as the National Network of Prevention Training Centers; the Team also is expected to house technical expertise related to STD prevention and control strategies.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Utilize program management strategies to provide capacity building and technical assistance to recipients
- Monitor recipient performance based on data reported on key program measures using qualitative and quantitative methods
- Review recipient budgets, monitor the management of funds, and make recommendations based on programmatic needs
- Conduct site visits and leverages various technologies to host meetings (virtual meetings)
- Coordinate and consult with subject matter experts and partners to provide technical assistance and capacity building support
- Serve as the liaison with federal, state, and local partners
- Utilize quality improvement, evaluation and other data focused methodologies to facilitate performance improvement
- Identify and implement strategies to facilitate peer-to-peer learning and sharing of best practices
- Collaborate with DSTDP staff and other partners to support recipients

The Prevention Specialist also will be expected to develop or maintain technical expertise in select areas related to STD prevention and control, as appropriate. The Prevention Specialist will have opportunities to collaborate on conducting program evaluation projects, developing case studies and best practice summaries, building the evidence base via reviews publication and dissemination and developing new funding opportunities and managing special projects.

The Prevention Specialist position is ideal for a public health professional with state or local health department experience; experience in infectious diseases, sexual health or reproductive health; and keen interest in working with state and local health department recipients through new models of support. DSTDP has a commitment to support, build, and nurture a diverse workforce and inclusive workplace.

Prevention Specialist

Experience and expertise desired

- Public health experience required
- Experience working in state/local health departments strongly preferred
- Experience in infectious disease, sexual health or reproductive health strongly preferred
- Extensive experience with leading, managing or assisting with public health programs; adept at managing multiple priorities including short and long term assignments
- Experience providing technical assistance and capacity building through grant or project management including monitoring of grant deliverables and budgets
- Experience with, and interest in applying systems thinking approaches to guide quality and performance improvement; interest in program implementation science and using data for change
- Experience or interest in applying performance and quality improvement frameworks to advance public health programs (E.g., Lean, PDSA, Six Sigma, balanced scorecards, evaluation and performance management frameworks)
- Works well as part of a team and independently
- Excellent analytic, critical thinking, writing and public speaking skills
- Seasoned communicator, facilitator, and coordinator