



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

State Expansion Manager Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)

Organizational Summary: CASEL is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization that works to advance the science and evidence-based practice of social and emotional learning (SEL) in order to promote children's success in school and life. SEL is a process for helping children and even adults develop the fundamental skills for life effectiveness, teaching the skills we all need to handle ourselves, our relationships, and our work, effectively and ethically. These skills include recognizing and managing emotions, developing caring and concern for others, establishing positive relationships, making responsible decisions, and handling challenging situations constructively and ethically. CASEL's priorities focus on the benefits of PreK-12 SEL programming; how SEL coordinates with other educational movements; research and training in SEL implementation; assessment; school and district leadership development; educational policies; and communications. CASEL was founded in 1994 by a group of educators, researchers and activists, including Daniel Goleman, the author of *Emotional Intelligence*, and educator/philanthropist Eileen Rockefeller Growald.

Through significant multi-year funding from one of the country's leading philanthropists, CASEL is currently engaged in infrastructure and capacity building to support its long-term strategic goals to 1) advance the science of social and emotional learning, 2) expand integrated, evidence-based SEL practice and 3) strengthen the field and impact of SEL.

Position Description: The State Expansion Manager is responsible for the development and implementation of Social and Emotional Learning initiatives in collaborating states.

Reports to: Director of Program

Qualifications:

1. Master's degree required, preferably in education, public policy, or a related field.
2. 8-10 years experience in state agencies or national education agencies. A background or familiarity with Social and Emotional Learning would be an asset.
3. Demonstrated understanding of state and national-level education policy initiatives.
4. Demonstrated successful experience in policy formation and/or advocacy.
5. Demonstrated capacity to create high-leverage relationships with political leaders and key stakeholders.
6. Excellent communication skills, both written and oral; demonstrated ability to write project reports and funding proposals based on project outcomes and features.
7. Excellent leadership, self motivation, interpersonal and communication skills.
8. Detail oriented with strong organizational and analytical skills,
9. Proven ability to meet deadlines/successful completion of deliverables.
10. Ability to model social and emotional competence and ethical behavior.

Primary Functions:

1. Establish CASEL's State Expansion Initiative including the identification of, planning and delivery of services to states to support the state-wide expansion of SEL.
2. Craft and carry out a policy, advocacy, and legislative strategy that will best support the broad-scale implementation of SEL.
3. Convene advisory groups to develop strategies to improve state-wide SEL practice.
4. Support the identification of the need for evidence-based training and technical assistance products to assure that each state which commits to broad-scale SEL implementation receives training and technical assistance which is individually tailored to the specific needs and issues of that state.
5. Identify costs and potential sources of funding for state-wide expansion of SEL practice activity. Contribute to funding proposal development.

6. Support the evaluation of the implementation and impact of SEL programming in collaborating states.
7. Assist in the development of effective education materials for all 50 states that build awareness of the need for state-wide evidence-based SEL programming.
8. Work closely with the Director of Program to execute CASEL's overall strategic plan.
9. Participate in CASEL Program Team; attend meetings and events to build relationships with CASEL colleagues and customers.
10. Invest in personal development and remain current with the SEL field.

Compensation: Competitive salary, vacation and benefits package. CASEL is an equal opportunity employer.

To Apply: No telephone calls, please. Please e-mail search@casel.org with the following information:

- Cover letter with salary requirements
- Resume and work samples
- Names and contact information for three professional references