

## Project Director (Full-time) Position Opening

### CHAMP for Moms

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) and the Center for Advancement of Youth are hiring for one full-time Project Director position. The position is supported primarily from funding from a grant from the Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA). The project, CHAMP for Moms is located within the Department of Psychiatry & Human Behavior. The primary aim of CHAMP for Moms is to increase access to mental health and psychiatric care for perinatal individuals with mental health and/or substance use concerns via a peer-to-peer consultation phone line for pregnancy care providers. The phone line will give the provider on-demand access to clinicians specializing in maternal mental health (i.e. psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers) to aid in the advising of maintaining the individual's care in the medical home to help reduce the need for an outside referral. In addition, the provider can gain guidance on diagnostic clarification of mental health concerns and obtain resources for therapy needs and other community supports as a part of treatment.

**Responsibilities and skills:** We are looking for one Project Director (Master's level minimum). The Project Director will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the consultation line and the programmatic activities of the project. These responsibilities will include: conducting care coordination encounters with providers and families, assisting provider practices in obtaining referral options, maintaining the online referral options database for providers, assisting in referral scheduling to CHAMP for Moms providers for any direct service encounters, maintaining the project's public-facing website, participating in all national meetings organized and hosted by HRSA, and assisting CHAMP staff in organizing materials for in-person and online learning activities and outreach for promotion of the project. The Project Director will need to have strong writing, communication and organizational skills, experience in public speaking, and strong management and oversight skills. The Project Director will be the lead for all major planning meetings with staff, partners, and stakeholders, and delegate appropriate tasks that meet the needs to the project's overall objectives and goals.

For the position, a minimum of two-year commitment is requested, with opportunity for additional years of employment contingent on grant funding. Previous experience in program development and perinatal mental health and/or treatment of substance use disorders is strongly preferred, but not required. Applicants from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply. The environment is a highly productive, thriving, and team-oriented setting with multiple opportunities for skills development and related mentorship.

**About UMMC and Jackson.** The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) is Mississippi's only academic health science center and encompasses 6 health science schools, including the Bower School of Population Health, the 3rd of its kind nationally. Children's of Mississippi is the only children's hospital in Mississippi and has the only Level IV NICU in the state. Extramural research funding for UMMC last year reached >\$110 million. The Department of Psychiatry & Human Behavior is comprised of 4 divisions and 5 Centers and seeks to carry out the mission of UMMC in patient care, research, and education. Active sponsored funding in the department is \$54 million from a variety of federal, state, and foundation sources which includes current funding for additional perinatal mental health and substance use disorder treatment initiatives. The Department of Pediatrics is comprised of 33 divisions and has close ties to the Department of Psychiatry & Human Behavior.

UMMC is located in Jackson, MS, the state's capital. The Jackson metro area and Mississippi offer a rich array of outdoor, cultural, musical, recreational and culinary opportunities. The area has an incredibly desirable cost of living and high quality of life.

### APPLICATION and SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants must have a Master's degree in counseling or social work with current licensure in the state of Mississippi. The position is available for immediate hire and will be open until filled. To apply, visit [https://ummc.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/UMCCareers/job/HIGHLAND-BLUFF-SOUTH/Professional-Counselor---Psychiatry\\_R00032513-1](https://ummc.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/UMCCareers/job/HIGHLAND-BLUFF-SOUTH/Professional-Counselor---Psychiatry_R00032513-1) and search for job #R00032513-1. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

**Candidates who apply are encouraged (but not required) to email Dr. Courtney Walker @ [cwalker7@umc.edu](mailto:cwalker7@umc.edu) and include:**

1. A brief letter of interest describing leadership experiences, professional goals, and any relevant previous background or training.
2. An updated curriculum vitae/resume.

**For inquiries about the position, please contact Dr. Walker:**

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