REGIONAL DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Title: East Regional Director

Supervised by: TSPN Executive Director

The Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) is a statewide public-private organization responsible for implementing the Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention as defined by the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention.

TSPN is a grassroots network which includes counselors, mental health professionals, physicians, clergy, journalists, social workers, law enforcement personnel, as well as survivors of suicide loss, people with lived experience, and community volunteers. TSPN works across the state to eliminate the stigma of suicide and educate communities about the warning signs of suicide, with the goal of lowering the state’s rates of suicide.

We seek to achieve these objectives through organizing and promoting regular regional activities, providing suicide prevention and crisis intervention training to community organizations, and conducting postvention sessions for schools and organizations after suicides occur.

Position Summary:

The Regional Director position works to implement the Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention and serve as a subject matter expert for all things suicide prevention in their specific region.

You match this role if you can motivate others and yourself, engage community volunteers, work as a team member, value cultural differences, resolve conflicts, and display genuine interest in working with at-risk persons and people who want to prevent suicide in Tennessee. The right candidate will possess excellent self-care routines, alongside compassion and empathy for people affected by suicide. Public speaking engagements are highly regular; in this role, you should be able to present clearly the curricula of TSPN to a variety of audiences.

The East Regional Director coordinates TSPN projects across the following counties: Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Cocke, Claiborne, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, and Union. This area includes the greater Knoxville area within Tennessee. Applicants who live in the service area or are willing to relocate, and who can travel across the East Region to assist with TSPN events are preferred.

This position is hybrid—the Regional Director can handle some meetings and communications virtually but will need to make in-work and appearances at certain events.

Responsibilities:

- Oversee and implement TSPN projects and strategies in collaboration with TSPN Advisory Council Regional Chair
- Promote regional suicide prevention activities
- Coordinate volunteer activities and increase volunteer engagement in their region
- Coordinate at least one regional event during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month (September)
• Assist with the development and distribution of educational materials approved by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS)
• Oversee and facilitate training sessions involving suicide prevention training curricula supported by TSPN for populations identified in grants
• Coordinate gatekeeper and lethality assessment training using curricula supported by TSPN
• Provide general information and education about suicide prevention to targeted groups as requested
• Develop and disseminate regional mental health resources and other information/items to promote access to mental health services
• Present to professional conferences, trainings, and in-services to provide suicide prevention workshops curricula supported by TSPN
• Assist with postvention operations at schools, businesses, and other agencies affected by recent suicide deaths
• Prepare reports as necessary and required by TSPN central office
• Participate in new directives and initiatives as directed by TSPN central office
• Accurately and efficiently report all outcomes
• Participate in professional development opportunities
• Collaborate with other organizations, councils, coalitions, and other stakeholders
• Ensure any new materials, trainings, or other products of TSPN are approved by TDMHSAS
• Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:
• Bachelor’s degree in social work, counseling, psychology, public health, or related field
• Experience in public health and/or mental health preferred; experience in suicide prevention and/or crisis intervention a plus
• Applicants with equivalent experience will be considered where personal qualities, experience, and proven success is demonstrated
• Must have reliable transportation with a valid license and current insurance
• Must be able to lift 50 lbs.

Skills:
• MS Office
• Eventbrite
• Constant Contact
• Public speaking
• Multitasking

Interested applicants shall send a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to venlow@tspn.org.