

# ECEAP Mental Health Professional Sample Job Description

## Overview of Position

The Mental Health Professional works in collaboration with program site staff and families of enrolled ECEAP children to address mental health issues in a systematic manner that addresses early identification, on-going progress, follow-up, assessment and the development of a healthy environment for children.

## What is the role of the ECEAP Mental Health Consultant?

WC-17 Contractors must have access to a mental health consultant who is available to:

- Observe and/or screen children regarding behavior, emotional needs, and mental health.
- Work collaboratively with parents to address their child's mental health issues.
- Consult with staff regarding classroom support and interventions for children.
- Refer children and families to local mental health services.
- Consult with and train staff as needed on topics, such as:
  - Classroom environment, practices, and activities to promote social and emotional development.
  - Early identification of behavioral disorders, atypical behavior, and child abuse.
  - Specific interventions to address identified behavioral and mental health needs that are the job expectations.

## What are the requirements for ECEAP Mental Health Consultant?

C-18 Mental Health Consultant Qualifications

The mental health consultant must meet one of the following qualifications:

- Licensed by the Washington State Department of Health as a mental health counselor, marriage and family therapist, social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or psychiatric nurse; or
- Approved by the Washington State Department of Health as an agency-affiliated or certified counselor, with a master's degree in counseling, social work or related field; or
- Credentialed by the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as a school counselor, social worker, or psychologist.

## Where can I find a Mental Health Consultant?

- School District Personnel
- Community Mental Health Agency
- Private Practice