

Prevention Psychologist

Nationwide Children's Hospital Big Lots Behavioral Health Service Line and the Ohio State University Division of Child and Family Psychiatry is seeking a Prevention Psychologist to join an innovative and growing behavioral health prevention team that provides universal prevention programming and consultation to schools across Central and Southeast Ohio. This is an exciting opportunity to provide consultation services, engage in systems consultation, community education, data management, program evaluation, dissemination from an implementation science lens, and telehealth. The psychologist will be involved in program supervisory responsibilities, and clinical service delivery up to one day a week.

The Prevention Psychologist will provide consultation services, program development, and program evaluation on a team responsible for disseminating the PAX Good Behavior Game (GBG), an evidence-based universal prevention model for schools, across the region. Responsibilities will include consultation, technical assistance, and oversight to community PAX partners and consultants, and staff implementing PAX GBG in multiple partner sites to ensure fidelity and sustainability of the model. The prevention psychologist will be involved in program expansion of other prevention-oriented evidence-based models as well as consultation with schools/districts about model selection and adoption. This position will also contribute to NCH's academic mission, which may include participation in graduate student training and medical education, presenting, and publishing program findings.

Clinical experience in schools, community-based settings, and/or consultation is strongly preferred. Clinical experience in school mental health and/or implementation of evidence-based programming and/or prevention models is required. A doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited program and an APA-approved internship are required. Ohio licensure and eligibility for NCH hospital privileges are also required. This position comes with an academic appointment at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) has been named to the Top 10 Honor Roll on U.S. News & World Report's 2024-25 list of "Best Children's Hospitals." Nationwide Children's is one of America's largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric health care systems providing wellness, preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitative care for infants, children, and adolescents, as well as adult patients with congenital disease. Nationwide Children's has a staff of more than 13,000 providing state-of-the-art pediatric care during more than 1.6 million patient visits annually. Over 1,100 of these employees work in behavioral health, including 188 psychologists and over 30 psychiatrists.

Partners for Kids (PFK), founded in 1994, helped define what a pediatric accountable care organization can be and continues to lead the way in value-based care. PFK is a crucial link between families, health care providers and Ohio's managed Medicaid system, allowing children to get the high-quality care they need when they need it and where they need it. As one of the largest nonprofit programs of its kind in the United States, PFK has the ability to improve children's health and save money for the overall health care system. PFK uses an accountable

care organization model. It brings together a premier pediatric medical center – our home institution, Nationwide Children’s Hospital – and more than 2,200 individual providers. Working in partnership, PFK can deliver coordinated services to more than 400,000 children per year in 47 south central, southeastern, and west central Ohio counties. Partners for Kids’ innovation is in using accountable care and value-based principles for a geographically distinct Medicaid pediatric population. Early, high-quality well care can help prevent later disease. Coordinated care of chronic and complex conditions can reduce the number of stressful, expensive hospital visits now and in the future.

Columbus, OH is a vibrant community with a 2.4 million population base and diverse cultural, sports, dining and recreational opportunities (check us out at www.experiencecolumbus.com). Columbus has been named a Top 10 Best Big City in the U.S., One of the Best Food Cities in the U.S. and One of the Friendliest Cities in the U.S. by Condé Nast Traveler’s 2024 Readers’ Choice Awards. Columbus is home to several Fortune 500 companies, is the most affordable of the nation’s top 20 “tech” cities according to Homes.com and ranks in Money magazine’s picks as one of the ten best big cities. Columbus is the third fastest growing major metropolitan area in the Midwest and 14th largest city in the nation. It is consistently ranked in the top ten in nearly every category—economic growth, great place to raise a family, affordable cost of living, and things to do. Many neighborhoods boast excellent public schools.

Nationwide Children's Hospital is an equal opportunity employer that has demonstrated a commitment to increasing diversity in our faculty. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status or protected veteran status.

Cover Letter and CV can be sent to: Samanta Boddapati, PhD, NCSP, PAX Prevention Clinical Manager, Samanta.boddapati@nationwidechildrens.org A minimum of three letters of recommendation should also be provided but can be sent separately and at a later time.

Responsibilities include:

- Provide program support through consultation, technical assistance, and oversight to community partners and NCH staff, which includes but is not limited to professional development, coaching, modeling, and feedback on all aspects of implementation to ensure fidelity to the model and a sustainability plan in central and Southeast Ohio
- Support and expand program collaborations with internal departments/programs and external entities across regional, state, and national systems
- Work closely with PAX Prevention Clinical Manager to engage in program development, including but not limited to grant writing, expanding models of evidence-based prevention in schools, and training as well as dissemination opportunities through quality improvement, program evaluation, and implementation science research
- Provide clinical services up to one day a week in an area of expertise
- May participate in training programs for psychology interns and post-doctoral fellows
- Completes other duties as assigned by the PAX Prevention Manager or Director
- Provide supervisory support to NCH prevention staff

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Required

- Doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited university is *required*
- An APA-approved internship in professional psychology is *required*
- Post-doctoral training in the area of child and adolescent, school, or pediatric psychology is *strongly preferred*
- Experience working in and knowledge of education/school systems and community-based work is *strongly preferred*
- Experience with behavioral principles and evidence-based prevention models or behavioral programming *is required*
- Supervisory/consultation experience is *strongly preferred*
- Experience working across systems is *desirable*
- Creative and effective problem-solving skills
- Ability to work autonomously
- Ability to remain persistent and flexible to changes in plans
- Ability to travel to assigned sites on a regular basis
- Excellent interpersonal, organizational, and presentation skills
- Must be Ohio Psychology license eligible
- Valid driver's license and proof of insurance

Opportunities for split positions across programs or part-time may be available