

# CAPE | Community Assessment and Education to Promote Behavioral Health Planning and Evaluation

## Call for Proposals

### Regional Community Behavioral Health Specialist

(Four Subawards Available)

Michigan State University  
Mississippi State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Utah State University

Four Regional Community Behavioral Health Specialists are sought for an initiative led by the four [Regional Rural Development Centers](#) in conjunction with the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Community Assessment and Education to Promote Behavioral Health Planning and Evaluation (CAPE) initiative will assist local (state, county, city) decision makers (private for-profit, private non-profit, and government) in selecting and using data-driven benchmarks for identifying resource investment priorities and evaluating progress in improving community behavioral health outcomes. For an overview of the project, visit <http://healthbench.info/home.html>

Each Regional Community Behavioral Health Specialist will:

- Develop strong working relationships with state agencies in their multi-state territory
- Inventory and describe data resources available for benchmarking community behavioral health in their multi-state territory
- Facilitate surveys of end-users of community behavioral health data
- Develop region-appropriate toolkits and curricula appropriate for community health decision makers
- Assist in dissemination of materials, including delivery of training, and evaluation, including but not limited to webinars, other training events, and dissemination via the eXtension platform
- Coordinate activities with USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, DHHS's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and University Extension services within their multi-state region

This is an excellent opportunity for a current employee to obtain a funded leave-of-absence from their current assignment to gain a more complete understanding of the national community behavioral health situation and to develop a national network of contacts throughout the land grant system. Compensation is commensurate with prior training, experience, and salary history.

#### **Position Locations:**

While alternative locations can be considered, the potential locations are: North Central Regional Specialist – East Lansing, Michigan; Southern Regional Specialist – Starkville, Mississippi; Northeast Regional Specialist – State College, Pennsylvania; West – Logan, Utah.

#### **Required Qualifications:**

Earned Master's degree in a social or medical science discipline. Ability to travel with overnight stays. Strong written and verbal communication skills. Experience with liaison activities and networking across disciplines.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

Formal training in a community behavioral health – related discipline. Experience in development and delivery of adult education. Familiarity with currently-available health data sets.

**To Apply:**

Interested individuals are welcome to indicate availability for more than one region, but will likely serve only one region. The entire pool will be evaluated as a group, but each subaward will be coordinated with the relevant Regional Rural Development Center institution. Required application elements include:

1. Budget. Include 9 months salary and fringe benefits for the proposed team member as two separate line items.
2. Include the institution's federally approved overhead rate.
3. Administrative approvals. Include approvals from the immediate supervisor of the proposed team member.
4. Resume/CV & three references for the proposed team member.
5. Include a completed Michigan State University subrecipient form. As indicated on the form, the MSU Subrecipient Form should be signed by your institution's federal grant/contract administration officer. The form is available for download at

<http://expeng.anr.msu.edu/uploads/files/133/MSU%20FINAL%20Subrecipient%20Form.doc>

Items 1 through 4 should be saved as a single pdf. Item 5 should be a separate pdf.

**Deadline**

The complete set of materials should be emailed to [ncgrants@anr.msu.edu](mailto:ncgrants@anr.msu.edu) by 5:00 p.m. Eastern, January 21, 2014. Use the subject line "regional community health specialist".

**Questions**

Questions about this opportunity will be answered in the order received. Direct your questions to: Scott Loveridge

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