

PACE is hiring a Communications Coordinator for their Child Works Team in New Bedford

COME JOIN OUR PACE CHILD CARE WORKS CFCE TEAM!

****COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR****

The Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant, a program of PACE Child Care Works, is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. The main goal of the CFCE is to provide families with access to locally available comprehensive services and supports that strengthen families, promote optimal child development and bolster school readiness. We also support early educators and host advisory council meetings covering the 11 towns we serve.

We are looking for candidates with the following qualifications/skills:

- Associates degree preferred, Early Childhood Education Certificate, EEC Director or Lead Teacher Certification or equivalent experience/skills;
- At least 1 – 2 years of work experience in the field;
- Ability to use social media to maintain or build a brand;
- Must have computer experience;
- Skills needed in using the tools that analyze social media and other platforms for data collection purposes;
- Knowledge of Constant Contact, Microsoft Office 365, including Word, Excel, OneDrive, OneNote, PowerPoint and Teams;
- Detailed-oriented, able to complete tasks to meet deadlines, and a team player;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in addition to editing skills with attention to grammar and

sentence structure;

- Ability to provide a positive customer experience in writing and over the phone;
- Bi-lingual preferred, but not required;
- Must be able to pass a CORI & SORI background checks.

Candidate chosen for this position will have the following responsibilities: Regularly posting text, video and images that engage families and community programs; creating and updating social media posting schedules, replying to comments from subscribers and liking tagged photos; following on-line conversations on PACE CFCE and PACE ParentChild+ social media accounts; Constant Contact – developments and distribution; regularly maintaining and publishing on Constant Contact Website, monthly e-newsletter and calendar, program flyers, program registration, etc.; Facilitating and setting up Zoom/Team meetings including sharing from OneDrive; and attending weekly Team meetings.

PACE delivers innovative and effective services and programs to members of the Greater New Bedford Community in their pursuit of brighter futures, serving its residents for 40 years.

Excellent benefits include paid vacation time, personal time, sick time, and holidays; pro-rated health insurance, dental and vision plans are available.

SALARY: \$18.00/hour, 20 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, dependent upon funding.

P.A.C.E. is an AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

HOW TO APPLY:

E-mail a cover letter, resume and the name of the position you are applying for to: hrjobapplications@paceinfo.org



New Bedford's Mayor Mitchell announces program to revive significant vacant properties

Mayor Jon Mitchell announced a new program today that is dedicated to reviving significant vacant properties in New Bedford. The program's goal is to revitalize neighborhoods and combat the impacts of residential, commercial, or industrial blight by providing financial support for projects that will return vacant or abandoned properties to productive use.

The Vacant or Abandoned Property Rehabilitation Program is supported by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and will benefit properties in qualified census areas.

"Revitalizing underutilized properties can energize businesses and neighborhoods alike," Mayor Jon Mitchell said. "This program will give developers and businesses the support they need to move stalled projects forward."

The program is seeking substantial projects that have additional revenue sources and are ready to move forward quickly. Supported projects must begin funded activities within one year of the grant award, and total project costs must be at least \$750,000. Support from the program may not exceed 50% of total project costs. Chain stores and franchises are ineligible, and renovations or demolitions must not result in a reduction of the total number of occupiable housing units.

All improvements must be approved by the New Bedford Historical Commission, which will act as the City's Design Review Board to evaluate projects for their aesthetic,

architectural, or urban design quality, and compatibility with nearby development.

“Advocating for the revitalization of blighted neighborhoods has been a top priority for me throughout my City Council service,” City Council President Ian Abreu said. “I am very supportive of leveraging these one-time ARPA dollars to support efforts to restore the community integrity that every pocket of our city deserves.”

The program defines vacant properties as those that are not legally occupied and have been unoccupied for at least six months. Abandoned properties are vacant and in a blighted condition, meaning one or more of the following qualities: unsecured; open to the weather; boarded-up windows and doors; disconnected or non-operating utilities; uncovered swimming pool; or the presence of perishable food, dangerous substances or chemicals, animal litter, trash, or debris.

Eligible activities supported by the program include:

- Rehabilitation, renovation, or costs to secure vacant or abandoned properties to reduce their negative impact
- Costs associated with acquiring and securing legal title of vacant or abandoned properties, and other costs to position the property for productive use
- Removal and remediation of environmental contaminants or hazards from vacant or abandoned properties, in compliance with environmental laws and regulations
- Demolition or deconstruction of vacant or abandoned buildings (including residential, commercial, or industrial buildings) paired with greening or other lot improvements as part of a strategy for neighborhood revitalization
- Greening or cleanup of vacant lots, as well as other efforts to make vacant lots safer for the surrounding community
- Inspection fees and administrative costs to ensure compliance with environmental laws and regulations for demolition, greening, or other remediation activities

Responses are due Sept. 30, and may be emailed to arpa@newbedford-ma.gov.

Questions about the program and responses also can be sent to that address.

Learn more on the City's ARPA website: www.newbedford-ma.gov/arpa.

Boston Police Department seeks public's help locating two missing teenage girls

"Boston Police Department Missing Person Alert: 16-Year-Old Luceny Arias Solano and 13-Year-Old Genesis Baez:

The Boston Police Department is seeking the public's help in efforts to locate, Luceny Arias Solano,16, and Genesis Baez,13, both missing from 25 Schuyler Street in Roxbury since 12:00 AM, on Sunday, July 3, 2022. They are known to frequent the Pit Stop (695 Truman Parkway in Hyde Park).

Anyone with information regarding their whereabouts is advised to call 911 or contact District B-2 Detectives at 617-343-4275."-Boston Police Department.



Boston Police Department photo.

CMHS is Hiring for Direct Care Staff in Greater New Bedford

Join the team! Be a part of a company working together to help others and make a positive impact in people's lives.

Comprehensive Mental Health Systems, Inc. (CMHS, Inc.) is a human services agency seeking caring and motivated Direct Support Professionals to provide community based residential supports for individuals with disabilities in New Bedford, Dartmouth and Westport. By becoming a member of the CMHS team, you can learn new skills and ensure each individual home offers safety and rest, which allows each person we serve to have choice, control and feel at ease. Interested in applying? Click **HERE** to get started on your application!

Full-Time 2nd and 3rd shift positions available now!

Starting Wage: \$18.32 – Day Shift | \$17.73 Overnight Shift

Benefits include, but not limited to:

- Pay increase after 1 year and increases commensurate with length of time with company
- Health Insurance (Tufts Health Plan) paid at 75% company cost
- Dental Insurance (Guardian Dental Plan) paid at 50% company cost
- Vacation and sick/personal time
- Holiday pay and double time paid for holidays worked

Interested in applying? Click **HERE** to get started on your application!

Questions? Have a resume? Email Britta: bkoepfel@cmhs.us

CMHS is an equal opportunity employer



New England Aquarium release 10 sea turtles into the wild after rescue and rehabilitation

“June 29th marked our first local turtle release of the season! ? ? ?

After several months of rehabilitation at our Sea Turtle Hospital in Quincy, MA, 10 sea turtles were released back into the ocean off Cape Cod! The group included five loggerheads, two Kemp’s ridleys, and three green sea turtles.

As part of our rescue and rehabilitation work, we will track and study the movement of these turtles through a combination of satellite and acoustic tags, which will provide valuable data about where the turtles swim, feed, and travel—all critical information we can use to help protect these species.” -New England Aquarium.



New England Aquarium photo.



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New Bedford Police respond to mental health check at King Village after “shots fired” report

“New Bedford police were conducting a wellness check on a suicidal male when shots were suddenly fired.

“On July 2nd at 11 pm, patrol units responded to “King Village East” apartments to check the welfare of a tenant who had made suicidal threats. Numerous attempts to contact the male were unsuccessful, however, management soon arrived on the scene to unlock the door.

As police entered the apartment, a shot was fired which penetrated several walls and nearly struck the officers present. As the officers took cover, a second shot rang out. Tenants in the surrounding apartments were evacuated and a call was made to activate the SEMLEC (South-Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council) special reaction team, of which NBPD officers are members. The team utilized a robot to breach the apartment doors and conduct reconnaissance. Upon doing so, it was learned the tenant was deceased from what appears to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

New Bedford police detectives and Massachusetts state police detectives assigned to CPAC are further investigating the incident.

“I’m thankful that all the officers who responded to the call last night are safe. This incident is an example of the dangers police officers face on a regular basis as they are called up to navigate extremely volatile situations.”-Chief Paul Oliveira.

U.S. Coast Guard suspends search for fisherman lost between New Bedford and Martha's Vineyard

On Friday, July 1, we announced the story about the U.S. Coast Guard searching for a person in the water and believed to be somewhere between Nomans Island, which is south of Martha's Vineyard, and New Bedford.

The missing person was on a fishing boat called the "Susan Rose" out of Point Judith, last seen around midnight Friday and heading back toward New Bedford. Those aboard noticed a 54-year-old fisherman was not on board around 1:30 a.m. It's presumed that the person went overboard.

The F/V Susan Rose is a 77-foot Stern Trawler homeported in Point Judith, Rhode Island. The search covered approx. 1,065 sqr. nautical miles with a total of 53 asset hours.

The U.S. Coast Guard and local agencies have officially suspended the search pending further developments.

Massachusetts Fire Marshall

ahead of July 4th celebrations: fireworks to the professionals!”

“More Than 900 Fires, 31 Severe Burns Attributed to Fireworks Since 2012.

Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and State Police Colonel Christopher S. Mason are reminding residents to leave fireworks to the professionals this summer.

Massachusetts fire departments reported more than 900 fires related to illegal fireworks between 2012 and 2021, officials said. In addition to the 43 fire service injuries and \$2.1 million in damages attributed to these fires, Massachusetts medical facilities reported 31 severe burn injuries extending to 5% or more of the victims’ bodies that were caused by illegal fireworks.

“People are injured and property is lost to illegal fireworks every single year in Massachusetts,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “As we enter the period when most of these incidents occur, we’re reminding everyone that fireworks are illegal because they are dangerous. Many cities and towns will have professional fireworks displays this year, so play it safe and leave fireworks to the professionals.”

“The possession, use, and sale of fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts without certification and licensing,” said Colonel Mason. “Massachusetts law requires the confiscation of any illegal fireworks we encounter, even if legally purchased elsewhere. State Police and our local partners will be conducting targeted enforcement efforts to intercept illegal fireworks coming into the state and we will seize any that we

find in routine traffic stops.”



Massachusetts State Police photo.

Officials emphasized that fireworks, including sparklers, are especially unsafe around children. Sparklers burn at temperatures of over 1,800° Fahrenheit – hotter than the melting point of glass and aluminum. According to a 2021 report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, “there were an estimated 1,600 emergency department-treated injuries associated with firecrackers and 900 with sparklers” in 2020. This accounted for almost 10% of all fireworks-related injuries that year. Of those 900 injuries from sparklers, 44% were to children under the age of 5.

Fireworks fires peaked in Massachusetts during the summer of 2020, with 120 incidents reported to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System that year. They declined by 67% to 40 incidents in 2021 as many cities and towns resumed their public fireworks displays and police departments increased enforcement. State Police seized more than 47,000 units of illegal fireworks and issued 65 criminal summonses during last

year's enforcement operations. Those operations will resume this summer, officials said.

The Department of Fire Services posts a list of permitted municipal fireworks displays and updates it each week through the summer. To view the list – and to learn more about the dangers of illegal fireworks – visit the DFS website.”
Massachusetts State Police.

New Bedford Fire Department announces retirement of three firefighters

“The New Bedford Fire Department would like to wish Lt. Peter Mello, Firefighter Joseph Costa, and Firefighter Thomas Mello Congratulations on their retirements from the Department.

Lt. Mello retires with over 26 years of service, Firefighter Costa with 33 years of service, and Firefighter Mello with 35 years of service. Their passion for firefighting and the New Bedford Fire Department will be missed.

Over the years, they passed their knowledge and experience on to countless new firefighters. Thanks so much for a job well done and we wish you and your families happiness and the best of luck in all your future endeavors.” -New Bedford Fire Department.

Massachusetts Environmental Police adding extra boat patrols to deal with BUIs on July 4th weekend

"The Massachusetts Environmental Police will be joining law enforcement agencies from across the country who will be on heightened alert this Fourth of July weekend for those in violation of boating under the influence laws.

Alcohol is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating incidents. Alcohol consumption can affect you quicker in a boating environment due to sun, wind, boat vibration, and the motion of the vessel while underway.

Massachusetts law prohibits anyone from operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance. A person is considered to be boating under the influence (BUI) if their blood or breath alcohol concentration is .08% or greater or they are under the influence of any controlled substance. Individuals convicted of BUI may face imprisonment, fines, and have their motor vehicle license and vessel registrations revoked.

Keep it simple, don't drink and boat!" -Massachusetts Environmental Police.