**FAMILY ADVOCATE/PARTNER POSITIONS AVAIALBLE**

NC Families United is hiring a Family Partner for the Sandhills Center. The position serves Davidson and Rockingham counties. The individual applying for this position must live in either county or within 15 minutes of each county. The positions are face to face with some virtual meetings. Only required face to face meetings will be approved while following the CDC Covid 19 guidelines. The starting salary is $17.00 per hour. A Family Partner must be a parent /caregiver of a child who has received services; therefore, demonstrating firsthand experiences with child serving systems.

If you are interested in applying, please email your resume to apply@ncfamiliesunited.org. Thank you in advance for applying. Please no phone calls.

Job Description for Sandhills Center Family Advocate

 **Objectives of Sandhills Center (SHC) Family Support Program:**

• Support families of children with emotional, learning, and behavioral challenges

• Promote participation in Local Collaborative activities with community partners who

serve families.

• Promote a System of Care (SOC) framework which builds on family strengths and

community resources.

• Ensure families and professionals have access to an effective advocacy and support

system.

**Family Advocate responsibilities:**

• Provide individual support, advocacy, and information to families.

• Hold regularly scheduled support meetings for caregivers, parents, foster parents, and

grandparents.

• Coordinate and schedule trainings of interest to community partners and families.

• Membership on local committees serving children and families.

• Participate in community events such as health fairs and agency forums.

• Publish and distribute three newsletters per year.

• Advertise family support events widely.

• Forward informational updates to community partners and families.

• Reporting and billing as required by SHC liaison.

• Other responsibilities as assigned by SHC liaison.

**Position Requirements:**

• Personal and/or family member(s) experience living with mental health challenges,

substance misuse, and/or developmental disabilities; and a strong commitment to help

others.

• Good communication and organizational skills.

• A working knowledge of the mental health, social services, and/or juvenile justice

Systems.

• Ability to work independently and network with others.

• Working knowledge of mental illnesses in children and adolescents – warning signs,

symptoms, treatment, resources needed by families.