About 504HealthNet:
504HealthNet is a nonprofit association that serves 23 community health organizations. Our members operate over 60 clinics providing critical primary care, behavioral health, and other services. In aggregate, our health providers represent the safety net for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured residents primarily in the Greater New Orleans area of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines parishes.

504HealthNet’s mission is to fully support this coordinated network of healthcare providers. Our work comprises three major categories: Public Policy, Outreach & Education, and Member Services. These priorities help our member organizations provide high quality care to their residents regardless of ability to pay.

About Making Connections:
The Making Connections for Mental Health and Wellbeing initiative is designed to improve the mental health and wellbeing of men and boys in the U.S. This initiative, funded by the Movember Foundation and supported by the Prevention Institute, builds on a detailed landscape report, Making Connections for Mental Health and Wellbeing Among Men and Boys in the U.S.

A number of the resulting themes from the report have shaped the initiative, including:

- Prevention programs are effective but they are not at scale to maximize community-level impact;
- Indigenous and lay people approaches are emerging that support healing and mental wellbeing;
- Resilience is a critical protective factor for mental wellbeing;
- The need to focus specifically on men and boys' mental health is emerging; and
- Population-level prevention strategies are not well developed despite the analysis that underlying community-level conditions are a part of the problem.

As a part of the Making Connections initiative, New Orleans is developing an actionable, community-level prevention plans to improve mental health, with a focus on addressing trauma among boys and men of color.

Position Summary:
504HealthNet is seeking a contracted staff position to provide facilitation, research, and project coordination services for a collaborative of multi-sector organizations working towards the development of an actionable plan to improve the mental health and wellbeing of boys and men of color in the city of New Orleans. This position will be contracted by 504HealthNet to work with the City of New Orleans Health Department in support of the national Making Connections initiative. Initial contract duration is for a period of six (6) months, with the possibility of extension pending availability of additional grant funding.

This position will be expected to 1) effectively facilitate large and small multi-agency planning meetings, 2) successfully navigate and strengthen relationships among the various collaborative members, 3) design and manage citywide community assessments; 4) work with the Prevention Institute and City staff to provide resources and guidance in identifying and implementing community-level strategies for improving the mental health and wellbeing of African American boys and men.

In addition, this position will be responsible for all administrative tasks associated with hosting the planning meetings, collecting and disseminating research, and report writing.
Primary Responsibilities:
The Making Connections Coordinator will be responsible for, but not limited to the following:

Coordination of regular meetings of the core Making Connections committee
- Coordinate communication among committee members;
- Provide meeting summaries and written recommendations based on meeting discussion;
- Provide guidance to the committee members on implementation of developed recommendations;
- Coordinate relevant activities with evaluation partners;
- Coordinate logistical components of the committee meetings.

Coordination of community assessments
- Work with the Prevention Institute and evaluation partners to review and adapt existing community assessment tools;
- Review and adapt alternative data gathering and assessment strategies to fit the local New Orleans context;
- Provide meeting summaries and written recommendations based on community assessment findings;
- Coordinate logistical components of the community assessments;
- Provide guidance to the committee members on using the data gathered during the assessments to inform the development of an implementation plan;

Review of relevant literature and best practices for community-level interventions to improve the mental health and wellbeing of boys and men of color
- Review existing research, best practices and relevant procedures in the areas of mental health and wellbeing;
- Compile best practices for tools and community level interventions;
- Identify and assess current practices among local agencies;
- Assist in the development of policy and practice implementation plan;

Qualifications:
- A minimum of 5 years of large and small group/multi-agency facilitation experience;
- Experience gathering and disseminating best practice research and analysis;
- A working knowledge of the local landscape and familiarity with local non-profits and community stakeholders pertinent to mental health and wellbeing (both traditional and non-traditional stakeholders);
- Demonstrated interest and talent for engaging effectively with a diverse group of high level community stakeholders, with sometimes divergent views, in achieving outcomes;
- Demonstrated experience/ familiarity with relationship building methodologies;
- Knowledge of social services pertinent to addressing violence prevention, intervention and rehabilitation with boys and men of color;
- Excellent writing and oral communication skills, multi-tasking and time management skills, including a demonstrated ability to translate and convey sometimes complex concepts in oral and written communications;
- Ability to work independently with a high degree of initiative;
- Flexibility, creativity, and the ability to contribute at both strategic and tactical levels;
- Working knowledge of collective impact principles and social determinants of health.
Salary/Benefits:
Commensurate with education and experience.

Application Instructions:
Interested applicants should submit a resume/CV and cover letter to Chris Gunther, Manager of Strategic Initiatives for the New Orleans Health Department at cgunther@nola.gov.