ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO FILL A POSITION
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
Approved for Internal and External Consideration

POSITION TITLE: Education Specialist - Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT)
POSITION CODE: 30122
SALARY RANGE: (7680) $45,532.80 - $84,350.40
POSITION LOCATION: Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI)
Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery
OPEN DATE: July 29, 2020
CLOSE DATE: August 12, 2020, close of business

The Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) of the State Department of Education (Montgomery) is accepting applications for Education Specialist - Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT). Duties will include, but are not limited to the following:

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- Drafting/composing/editing documents (response letters, reports, memoranda, policies, procedures, regulations) pertaining to dyslexia awareness and support
- Researching curriculum and instruction issues pertaining to students with characteristics of dyslexia
- Participating in the development of statewide training and support for ARI regional staff, local literacy specialists, dyslexia interventionists, Certified Academic Language Practitioners (CALPs), and CALTs
- Developing training modules and support materials for dyslexia interventionists, CALPs, and CALTs
- Coordinating details, logistics, physical arrangements for SDE training events and meetings pertaining to dyslexia awareness and support
- Writing correspondence to Local Education Agency (LEA) contacts, school principals, local literacy specialists, parents, and others regarding professional learning pertaining to dyslexia awareness and support
- Providing technical assistance to LEAs and schools pertaining to dyslexia awareness and support
- Working cooperatively with other ALSDE sections to accomplish department objectives
Minimum Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Required:

Education:  Master’s degree in education required
            Alabama Professional Educator Certificate
            Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT)

Experience Dyslexia-specific:

Minimum of five years experience in teaching at elementary level
Successful experience as interventionist/CALT at the school level
Proficient with dyslexia-specific screening assessments and interpretation of
assessment data
Experience using dyslexia-specific interventions with students
Knowledge of 504 process
Knowledge of assistive technology integration to support students with
characteristics of dyslexia
Knowledge of classroom and assessment accommodations to support
students with characteristics of dyslexia
Experience in developing and facilitating professional learning
Successful experience in providing technical assistance to schools and LEAs
concerning dyslexia awareness and support

Other Skills:  Excellent verbal and written communication skills
              Strong computer skills
              Leadership skills
              Excellent relationship-building skills
              Ability to use problem-solving skills
              Ability to make informed decisions

How to Apply:

Step 1:  Applicants **must** complete the state required online application process for this position
         prior to submitting a résumé, reference list, and cover letter to the contact person listed
         below.  To apply online complete the Application for Examination Form available
         at:  [www.personnel.alabama.gov](http://www.personnel.alabama.gov).  Call State Personnel Department at 334-242-3389
         for questions concerning the online process.

Step 2:  Send cover letter and résumé as attachments to Dr. Tracey Strichik at ari@alsde.edu,
         contact number is 334-694-4632.