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Title: Southcentral/Solutions Reporter
Reports to: News & Public Affairs Director
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The Southcentral/Solutions reporter will cover urban affairs with a primary focus on Southcentral Alaska for Alaska Public Media, the source for NPR and PBS in the region and the stewards of the statewide news service.

The Solutions Desk reporter produces in-depth reporting on the people, communities and programs in Alaska who are trying to solve social problems. The idea is to go beyond exposing what's wrong in Alaska and instead highlight what's being done to fix it. The Solutions Desk aims to change the narrative for Alaska communities and help people see possibilities for change. This reporter will focus on amplifying the voices of communities that are often overlooked. They will also be an advocate for solutions journalism in the newsroom, but will do general assignment reporting along with solutions-oriented stories.

Topics will focus on social justice issues including in part racial equity, the criminal justice system, child welfare, health and social services, access to health care, housing and homelessness, immigration, jobs and economy, and other public issues. The reporter will produce a variety of contributions – from sound-rich features to in-depth investigations to community discussion and listening events.

Essential Functions:

Under the general supervision of the News Director, the Southcentral/Solutions Reporter will:

- Be proficient in reporting, writing, editing, and produce stories for radio, TV and the internet; hosting live programs and events as directed keeping up with current events and trends; and working in a rapidly changing digital and social media environments.
- Uphold the highest journalistic standards and ethics, including style and rules of Alaska Public Media and work professionally with Alaska Public colleagues and the public.
- Report and produce news and feature stories for Alaska Public Media.
- Capture audio; shoot photographs, video and edit multimedia packages.
- Post news stories and other material for Alaska Public Media. Help implement social media initiatives such as Facebook and Twitter.
- Produce and host Community in Unity, a live community dialogue event.
- Take part in and/or host various news, public affairs, election and community affairs programs for radio, TV, Web, or civic functions.
- Work comfortably and effectively in a team-based environment.

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- Report to the News Director and work daily with editors/Producers and closely with other Alaska Public Media staff.
- Meet deadlines, abide by AP style, Alaska Public Media style and rules and uphold professional journalistic standards.
- Pitch and/or produce stories for NPR or PBS as directed.

Duties and Responsibilities:

In addition to the above functions, the Southcentral/Solutions will:

- Stay abreast of issues, trends affecting racial equity, the criminal justice system, child welfare, health and social services, housing and homelessness, immigration, jobs and economy, poverty, and other issues.
- Report and produce stories in a platform-neutral environment.
- Post stories, photos, videos, graphics, charts and links.
- Other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications:

- Experience working in a news, communication, publication, broadcast or Web environment.
- Ability to work collegially and effectively with multiple stakeholders and audiences.
- Application of high journalistic standards and news judgement.
- Must be able to use recorders, cameras, broadcast equipment and editing software.
- Must be able to work various hours including, nights, weekends, and holidays.
- Must have access to reliable transportation, including during inclement weather.

Desired Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree or commensurate experience.
- Flexible, adaptable and proven ability to work in a deadline-driven environment.

Allowable Substitution

If necessary, alternative combinations of education and experience will be evaluated by the Human Resources Office for comparability.

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