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JOB VACANCY POSTING

POSTING #:	188-16	ISSUE DATE:	December 2, 2016
TITLE:	FAMILY SERVICE SPECIALIST 2	CLOSING DATE:	December 16, 2016
LOCATION:	Department of Children and Families Division of Child Protection and Permanency Office of Adoption Operations 50 East State Street Trenton, NJ 08625		
POSITIONS:	1	RANGE:	P22
DISTRIBUTION:	DEPARTMENT-WIDE	SALARY:	\$53,910.34 - \$76,393.06

SCOPE OF ELIGIBILITY: Open to employees of the Department of Children and Families who are permanent in a competitive title with underlying permanent State service as a LATERAL OPPORTUNITY.

SPECIAL NOTE: This position has been identified to cover Middlesex and Union counties at this time. This is a statewide position and the coverage area is subject to change. Statewide travel required.

DEFINITION: Under direction of a Supervising Family Services Specialist 2 or other supervisory official in the Department of Children and Families, performs field and office work to:

- screen allegations of child abuse and/or neglect; and/or
- initiate or conduct various types of investigations including child welfare assessments or abuse and/or neglect referrals in problematic high risk family situations, in-home supervision, residential placement, assessment, recruitment, and placement in resource family/foster homes, adoption related work and placement supervision; and/or
- manages various aspects of court involved cases; and/or
- refers families for services; and/or
- facilitates Family Team Meetings; and/or
- collects, records and analyzes significant facts, draws conclusions, and determines appropriate action;
- does other related duties.

SPECIAL NOTE: The unit carries a "Caseload" of legally free children from throughout the state that have a goal of Select Home Adoption. Finding permanent homes for these children in a timely manner is a SEP requirement.

These recruiters have direct assignment to youth in need of recruitment, conduct various child focused recruitment events, and offer expertise to the local office adoption staff on adoption readiness, family support and strategies on youth engagement in their recruitment efforts. These recruiters also present at different agency and community forums on the need for Adoption and Building Connections for older youth.

REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree.

EXPERIENCE: One (1) year of experience in professional social work, direct support counseling, guidance, or case management involving high risk child abuse and neglect or other problematic situations involving counseling services to clients with social, emotional, psychological, or behavioral problems including gathering and analyzing information, determining needs, and planning and supporting and/or carrying out treatment plans.

NOTE: A supervised social work field placement of three hundred (300) hours serviced through an accredited college or university or performed in a social service agency may be substituted for the indicated experience.

NOTE: A Master's degree in Social Work, Psychology, Guidance and Counseling, Divinity, Marriage and Family Therapy, or other related behavioral science area may be substituted for the indicated experience.

NOTE: Applicants who do not possess the required degree may substitute additional professional case management experience on a year for year basis with one (1) year of experience being equal to thirty (30) semester hour credits.

LICENSE: Appointees will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform essential duties of the position.

NOTE: APPLICABLE SPECIAL RE-EMPLOYMENT LIST ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF A LAYOFF WILL BE USED BEFORE ANY APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

RESIDENCY - Effective 9/1/11, NJ PL 70 (NJ First Act), requires all State employees to reside in New Jersey, unless exempted under the law, or current employees who live out-of-state and do not have a break-in service of more than 7 calendar days, as they are "grandfathered." New employees or current employees who were not grandfathered and who live out-of-state have one year after the date of employment to relocate their residence to New Jersey or request an exemption. Current employees who reside in NJ must retain NJ residency, unless he/she obtains an exemption. Employees who fail to meet the residency requirements or obtain an exemption will be removed from employment.

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