

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
JOB OPPORTUNITY
DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST 1**

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Open To: The Public
Location: Norwich Office, travel required
Job Posting No: 101010
Hours: First Shift, Full-Time
Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm, some evenings based on client needs.
Salary: \$53,143 annually
Closing Date: March 19, 2012

Eligibility Requirement: State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: The Developmental Specialist 1 will function within the Individual and Family Support Division. Will serve children and adults with intellectual disabilities who also have complex behavioral and mental health needs including autistic spectrum disorders, which are living in their family homes or live independently. Most treatment will be relatively short term due to the numbers of families who could potentially use these services.

The Developmental Specialist 1 will be responsible for working with professional independence and expertise. The Developmental Specialist 1 may conduct functional analyses, develop behavioral support plans, and educate family members and in-home paraprofessional staff to carry out the behavioral program/plans, as well as identify the need for psychiatric or other treatment services. The Developmental Specialist 1 should have expertise in working with severely stressed families who may have mental health problems of their own and adjust their interventions as needed to best help the family. The Developmental Specialist 1 may do some limited adaptive behavior testing and conduct guardianship evaluations as part of a DDS assessment team. The Developmental Specialist 1 will be part of the team in working with outpatient psychiatric services and will help evaluate the effectiveness of psychotropic medication regimens. The Developmental Specialist 1 may design and execute other types of treatment and programmatic evaluation in the IFS Division. The Developmental Specialist 1 must have considerable skill in writing and communicating, knowledge of research design and the statistical evaluation of empirical data, as well as being able to work effectively with families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and treatment teams.

General Experience: A Master's or Doctorate degree in psychology, educational psychology, rehabilitative psychology, community psychology or experimental psychology from a program accredited by a regional educational board plus 1 year experience providing treatment and conducting psychological testing, assessment and evaluation. Some of this experience should be in treating and or working with clients with intellectual disability and associated behavioral and mental health issues. Experience working with children and adults with autistic spectrum disorders is desirable. Skill in conducting functional analyses and behavioral treatment is very desirable.

Note: The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

Application Instructions: Please submit a CT-HR-12 employment application which can be located at www.das.state.ct.us. Please reference the position number and provide a copy of your two (2) most recent performance appraisals or two letters of reference. All application materials must be received by 11:59pm on the closing date provided above. Appointment to this position will be made in accordance with applicable collective bargaining, statutory and SEBAC requirements.

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