

DMHAS/River Valley Services  
JOB OPPORTUNITY  
Rehabilitation Therapist 1 (Therapeutic Recreation)  
RV#112345

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE!**

**Open To:** Candidates on current exam list or lateral transfer

**Location:** River Valley Services, Middletown, CT

**Program/ Unit:** Cottage 34 ~ Young Adult Services

**Salary Range:** \$48,937.00 - \$65,288.00

**Schedule/Hours:** 2<sup>nd</sup> shift, 9 shifts per payperiod  
Week 1: Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues Week 2: Fri, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 3:45 pm to 12:15am

**Closing Date:** November 5, 2015

**Eligibility Requirement Eligibility:** This is a competitive position. Candidates must have applied for and passed the Rehabilitation Therapist 1 exam and be on the current certification list promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services for this classification. State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer. **Applicants will not have the opportunity to take the exam prior to the above closing date to qualify for this particular vacancy.**

**Duties include but are not limited to:** providing support, close monitoring and individual and groups interventions for young adults in a 3-bed specialized residential program. The program is designed to provide safe and successful transitions from hospital levels of care to community placements. This program provides a full array of trauma-sensitive care to improve and enhance functional living skills, health education, leisure skills and social skills for young adults with complex and challenging mental health conditions and severe and prolonged trauma. Provide individualized age-appropriate life skills training and mentoring activities to young adults that is consistent with the cognitive, psychosocial and physiological needs and capacities of persons served. Provide services that reflect knowledge, skill and awareness of age, culture and diversity of clients served. Utilize appropriate teaching methods to educate clients with a concern for cognitive functioning, motivational level and learning style. Participate in positive behavioral plans to support recovery goals. Collaborate with treatment team to support client goals. Transport client to and from community activities, provide positive role modeling and mentoring activities to enhance social skill development and community integration. Work as part of a team to provide state of the art day programming to teach young adults skills to achieve greater independence. Provide trauma-sensitive, age appropriate services in a client-centered environment that maintains safety and dignity in the least restrictive setting. This position is part of the minimal staffing levels for the program.

**General Experience:** Four (4) years of professional experience in the appropriate professional rehabilitation therapy program specialty performing such activities as program evaluation, planning and application for persons with mental, emotional and physical disabilities.

**Special Requirement:** Incumbents in this class may be required to possess and maintain a certificate as a Water Safety Instructor (W.S.I), and/or lifesaving (CPR, First Aid) from the American Red Cross; may be required to be fluent in a foreign language or proficient in use of American Sign Language in certain positions; may be required to travel.

**Work Conditions:** Incumbents in this class may be exposed to some danger of injury and to moderately disagreeable job conditions while providing treatment.

**Application Instructions:** Due to the large number of lateral transfer forms and applications received, it is extremely important to note the **Position Number (found on the posting)** on the DMHAS Lateral Transfer Request Form (**upper right-hand corner**) and at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12). **To be considered for this position: DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates** (example: Clinical Social Worker applying to a Clinical Social Worker posting) must submit a completed DMHAS Lateral Transfer Form. Lateral Transfer Request Forms received without a position number will not be processed. **DMHAS employees who are promotional/demotional candidates** must submit the State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12). **All other applicants** must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae can be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application.

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