Children Services Consultant
Full time (Monday through Friday)

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Open To: Agency - Exam List Candidates
Location: Region 5: Danbury Area Office, 131 West Street, Danbury, CT
Posting No: CSC47238JG
Hours: 1st Shift – Full time 40 Hours per Week
Salary: Annual salary: $70,060 - $88,978
Closing Date: July 3, 2017, close of business

Eligibility Requirement: Applicants must be a current DCF Social Worker AND be on a current Department of Administrative Services Examination List for Children Services Consultant. Special Experience and training in Intimate Partner Violence issues preferred. Applicants will not have the opportunity to take the exam prior to the above closing date to qualify for this particular vacancy.

Position Summary: Region 5 is currently recruiting for one Children Services Consultant – IPV Specialist position in the Danbury area office. The position will be assigned to the Regional Resources Group and will provide case consultation to regional social work staff around domestic violence issues for families involved with DCF, assessment of DV issues, dynamics, needs of victims, offenders and children affected by Intimate Partner Violence, coordination and delivery of domestic violence services for DCF involved families. Travel to other Region 5 area offices (Waterbury and Torrington) will be necessary when additional coverage is needed.

PURPOSE OF CLASS: This class is accountable for providing consultation, coordination and delivery of specialized children services program activities.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: Plans, develops and implements new special programs and projects as assigned; develops and negotiates contracts; monitors, evaluates and makes recommendations for modifications in existing programs; provides consultative services to regional offices within department, social services agencies, courts, child caring institutions and individuals in matters relating to child and foster care, adoption, protective services, private child placing agencies or child caring institutions; participates in preparation of manual material, forms and interpretative material; provides consultation to field staff in solution to problems; plans and participates in training programs and workshops for field staff in conjunction with the training section; facilitates flow of information among courts, judges, public officials, auxiliary services and other departments; acts for director in communicating changes in procedures, practices and policies throughout various regional offices and following up for consistency in their implementation; may represent department in committees to improve children's services and use of financial and human resources; performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED
KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITY:
Considerable knowledge and understanding of case work principles, methods and techniques; considerable knowledge of factors which influence attitudes and behavior of individuals and families; considerable knowledge of departmental programs, policies and procedures; knowledge of legal basis for departmental programs and requirements; knowledge of community resources and services they provide; knowledge of group process including group leadership skills; considerable oral and written communication skills; interpersonal skills; ability to understand and explain complex written materials.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

General Experience:
Eight (8) years of experience in work having as its primary responsibility the autonomous and self-directed use of case management techniques and therapeutic counseling to sustain or restore client functioning.

Note: Qualifying experience at this level shall include use of professional interviewing techniques; provision of skilled therapeutic counseling to an assigned client caseload; assessment of basic client needs (nutritional, environmental, financial, medical, protective service, etc.) through continuing personal observation during home visits and intervention; evaluation of social work interns.

Substitutions Allowed:
1. College training may be substituted for the General experience on the basis of fifteen (15) credit hours equaling six (6) months of employment to a maximum of four (4) years for a Bachelor's degree.
2. A Master's degree in counseling or psychology may be substituted for one (1) additional year of the General Experience for a total of five (5) years.
3. A Master's degree in social work or child welfare may be substituted for two (2) additional years of the General Experience for a total of six (6) years.
4. For State employees, two (2) years of experience as a Social Worker-Social and Human Services with responsibility for a caseload focused on children and youth may be substituted for the entire General Experience.
Note: The filling of this position shall be in accordance with reemployment, transfer, promotion, SEBAC and merit employment rules, if applicable.

Application Instructions: Interested and qualified applicants who meet the above requirements must submit a CT-HR-12 (State application), resume, letter of intent, three (3) letters of supervisory reference to the address listed below. Current state employees must include their two most recent performance appraisals in lieu of references. Please specify the posting number # CSC47238JG on all application materials. Incomplete application packets will not be considered. Application materials may be mailed to the address listed below or faxed to 203-207-5235.

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