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**The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
is now accepting criminal justice and law degrees
for Child Protection Specialists**

SPRINGFIELD — Today, Director George H. Sheldon announced DCFS is now accepting degrees in criminal justice, criminal justice administration and law enforcement for the position of Child Protection Specialist (CPS) within DCFS.

Applicants who have wished to work for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services are highly encouraged to apply. Positions are available across the state.

“In the past we have encouraged qualified candidates to help fill the needs for full-time positions as caseworkers, investigators, attorneys, accountants, supervisors, managers, computer programmers and administrative professionals,” said Director Sheldon. “Now we are encouraging those with criminal justice, criminal justice administration and law enforcement degrees to join us in our efforts to protect abused and neglected youth in our care. No child should be abused, and those who need our intervention deserve the greatest care possible to ensure they have a bright future.”

For more information about careers with DCFS, call 217-785-2586 (voice)
DCFS.Employment@illinois.gov (email)
866-322-7171 tty (nextalk)

DCFS receives, investigates and acts upon a report of child abuse or neglect every five minutes. Tens of thousands of children are safer thanks to those who call our Child Abuse hotline, 1-800-25-ABUSE (252-2873) each year. Working together, we can ensure a safe, loving home and brighter future for every child.

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