Supplementary Examination Announcement

CHILD PROTECTION SPECIALIST - 07163

Monthly Salary Range: $4377 - $6581

Regular Test - No Option
Option PO – Slavic (Polish) Speaking
Option SS - Spanish Speaking

General duties: A Child Protection Specialist protects children by performing journeyman level investigations of alleged child neglect, abuse and sexual abuse cases, interviews alleged victims and perpetrators, other members of the household and witnesses; assesses home situation for danger to child; takes child from home and places child in protective custody if necessary to prevent further neglect or abuse; prepares and documents case files for custody hearings and perpetrator prosecution; testifies in court; completes Agency sponsored training programs.

Applicants meeting these stated requirements will receive a grade in the highest category:
Training and Experience: Preferably requires a master’s degree in social work with a program approved by the Council on Social Work Education plus two years of directly related professional experience, including casework/case management experience related to family preservation or family reunification, adoption, youth development, counseling, and advocacy services, or a related field; OR Requires a master’s degree in a related human service field such as social work, psychology, psychiatric nursing, psychiatry, mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling, pastoral counseling, marriage and family therapy, or human services from an accredited college or university plus two years of directly related professional experience, including casework/case management experience related to family preservation or family reunification, adoption, youth development, counseling, and advocacy services, or a related field; OR Requires a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university with a degree program in social work approved by the Council on Social Work Education plus four years of directly related professional experience, including casework/case management experience related to family preservation or family reunification, adoption, youth development, counseling, and advocacy services, or a related field; OR Requires a bachelor’s degree in a related human service field such as social work, psychology, psychiatric nursing, psychiatry, mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling, pastoral counseling, marriage and family therapy, or human services from an accredited college or university plus four years of directly related professional experience, including casework/case management experience related to family preservation or family reunification, adoption, youth development, counseling and advocacy services, or a related field.

Requires possession of a valid driver’s license, daily access to an automobile, and proof of vehicle insurance. Requires physical, visual and auditory ability to carry out assigned duties. Requires the ability to satisfactorily pass an in-depth background check as a condition for employment.

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Tests and weights: Training and experience 100%.

Length of eligibility period: One year.

Option SS – Spanish Speaking: At the time of the job interview, the eligible will be required to exhibit the ability to understand and speak Spanish and English fluently. Failure to exhibit this ability will result in disqualification for this option.

Option PO – Slavic (Polish) Speaking: At the time of the job interview, the eligible will be required to exhibit the ability to understand and speak Slavic (Polish) and English fluently. Failure to exhibit this ability will result in disqualification for this option.

Counties in which positions are established: Adams, Alexander, Champaign, Christian, Clinton, Coles, Cook (SS) (PO), DeKalb (SS), DuPage (SS), Effingham, Fulton, Jackson (SS), Jefferson, Jersey, Kane (SS), Kankakee (SS), Knox, Lake (SS), LaSalle, Logan, Macoupin, Madison, Massac, McHenry (SS), McLean, Morgan (SS), Peoria, Randolph, Richland, Rock Island (SS), St. Clair (SS), Saline, Sangamon, Stephenson, Union, Vermilion, Whiteside (SS), Will (SS), Williamson (SS), Winnebago (SS).

(PO) Indicates Slavic (Polish) Speaking Option is also established in that county.
(SS) Indicates Spanish Speaking Option is also established in that county.

Counties listed include all counties in which it is anticipated positions may be established, and does not represent immediate openings. This listing is based on information currently available and is subject to change.