



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

YOUTH SPECIALIST I/II

Division of Youth Services, Mt. Vernon Treatment Center, Lawrence County
Annual Salary Range \$29,368.08- \$32,308.08
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This is trainee level (YS I) to professional (YS II) work supervising youth committed to the care and custody of the Missouri Division of Youth Services in a residential treatment program located in Lawrence County in Mount Vernon, Missouri. This position serves as a youth supervisor with responsibility for the safety, personal conduct, care, education and therapy of the youth during a shift, implements group and individual treatment plans, maintains security in buildings, grounds, and other posts, and intervenes during emergencies or altercations to prevent escapes and gain physical control of youth. The following tasks are examples of work required of the Youth Specialist:

- Provides Awareness Supervision to youth. Awareness Supervision is defined as the ability to see, be seen by, and to hear and be heard by youth at all times in order to be capable of swift, appropriate response.
- Implements group and individual treatment plans.
- Prepares reports regarding each client's adjustment and progress.
- Dispenses medications to youth.
- Transports and escorts youth in everyday and emergency situations
- Maintains security by following procedures and policies to maintain structure and ensure safety.
- Role models appropriate behaviors.
- Demonstrates availability to work as scheduled on shifts during the evening, overnight, or daytime hours, including overtime as scheduled by supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

YOUTH SPECIALIST I: Sixty or more earned credit hours from an accredited college or university with a minimum of six earned credit hours in one or a combination of the following: Counseling, Criminal Justice, Education, Psychology, Sociology, or Social Work. **OR** Two or more years of experience in group work which involved direct care and interaction with children (7-17 years of age) such as YMCA, schools, recreational facilities, or residential care programs, and possession of a high school diploma or proof of high school equivalency.

YOUTH SPECIALIST II: A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum of 15 earned credit hours in one or a combination of the following: Counseling, Criminal Justice, Education, Psychology, Sociology, or Social Work. **OR** Four or more years of work experience in a residential treatment program which involved casework, group counseling, juvenile rehabilitation, probation and parole, and/or social work for youth (12-17 years of age); and possession of a high school diploma or proof of high school equivalency.

(Earned credit hours from an accredited college or university may substitute on a year-for-year basis for a maximum of three years of the required experience at a rate of 30 earned credit hours for one year.)

Accepting applications from all qualified applicants. If interested in applying for this position, send a cover letter, resume, photocopies of official college transcripts, a completed [DSS Application for Employment](#) and a [DYS Addendum](#) to the Mt Vernon Treatment Center, 500 State Drive, Mt Vernon, MO 65712, Attn: Charlie Diercks (Charlie.Diercks@dss.mo.gov) on or before June 26, 2019.

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