The mission of Illinois DCFS is to protect children who are reported to be abused or neglected and to increase their families' capacity to safely care for them; provide for the well-being of children in our care; provide appropriate, permanent families as quickly as possible for those children who cannot safely return home; support early intervention and child abuse prevention activities and work in partnerships with communities to fulfill this mission. Illinois DCFS is the largest child welfare agency to earn accreditation from the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services. From helping more than 15,000 Illinois children find permanent, loving homes through adoption and reunifying over 21,000 children with their birth families over the last decade; to the licensing of nearly 11,000 day care facilities; answering of more than 220,000 calls to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline and provision of services to 60,000 families annually; the department and its approximately 2,600 staff are dedicated to providing unrivaled professional service to ensure safe, loving homes and brighter futures for every child in Illinois.

With the formation of the new Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), the State of Illinois is undergoing a digital transformation to increase interagency efficiency and improve service delivery. Reporting to the director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Health and Human Services Cluster CIO, the CIO drives the overall tactical and strategic direction of information technology. The ideal candidate is innovative and proactive in his/her approach to technology solutions, while cognizant of the department’s strategic direction. The CIO will lead the department’s technology evolution and alignment with the State’s enterprise technology framework.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Provide dynamic leadership and vision to a team of application developers, infrastructure engineers, service desk technicians and project managers;
- Provide expertise and guidance in the development of a comprehensive and proactive enterprise IT strategic plan;
- Coordinate with senior leadership to ensure IT solutions are aligned with departmental and State goals;
- Coordinate with the State’s Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to ensure compliance and alignment with statewide policies and procedures, including information and cyber security;
- Develop a comprehensive strategy to mitigate and address any and all IT security risks (including a plan to maintain and safeguard IT inventory) aligned with Citywide Cybersecurity umbrella policies.

Skills and qualifications:
- Bachelor’s degree in computer science or a related field and at least 10 years of management experience, an MBA preferred;
- A collaborator, both strategic and tactical, who can motivate his/her team;
- Fluency in IT industry standards, best practices and trends;
- Strong analytical, customer service and interpersonal skills;
- High degree of responsiveness and sense of urgency in a work environment with significant deliverables and changing priorities;
- Experience in change management; and
- PMP certifications a plus.

Job location: Springfield, IL

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

To apply: Email resume to DCFS.Employment@illinois.gov