State of Illinois
Department of Central Management Services
Bureau of Personnel
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Supplementary Examination Announcement

CHILD PROTECTION ASSOCIATE SPECIALIST - 07162 Monthly Salary Range: $3969 - $5913
No Option – Regular Test
SS Option – Spanish Speaking

General duties: A Child Protection Associate Specialist protects children by performing developmental level work related to investigations of alleged child neglect, abuse and sexual abuse cases, interviews alleged victims and perpetrators, other members of the household and witnesses; participates in home assessment for danger to child; participates in preparation and documentation of case file for custody hearings and perpetrator prosecution; carries an increasing caseload with decreasing closeness of guidance and review by supervisor and/or higher level protection specialists; testifies in court; completes agency-sponsored training programs.

As a developing protection specialist, responds to child abuse/neglect report within twenty-four hours; determines if child is in immediate danger by interviewing child and siblings in person; takes child into protective custody if child's life or well-being are at risk; takes child to hospital for medical treatment and evaluation; contacts relatives of child for home evaluation and possible placement of child with relatives or foster home or shelter; prepares paper work and reviews with higher level protection specialist, as assigned, notifies State and/or local police and State's Attorneys of all priority one child abuse and neglect reports.

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 one year 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 one year 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 three 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 three 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.

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YOU NEED NOT APPEAR AT A TEST CENTER FOR THIS EXAMINATION.
You may either send a completed application (CMS 100) to the Department of Central Management Services, Bureau of Personnel, Room 500, Stratton Office Building, Springfield, IL 62706 or apply online at http:\\work.illinois.gov. Your training and experience will be evaluated from your application.

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.

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.

Counties in which positions are established: Cook (SS), Logan, Rock Island, Sangamon, Will, Williamson, Winnebago (SS).

(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.

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