

**Rehabilitation Specialist  
(Children's Specialist for the Blind)  
Family Support Division, Greene County  
April 6, 2023**

**Job Location:** The Family Support Division is seeking applicants for a Rehabilitation Specialist (Children's Specialist for the Blind) located at 149 Park Central Square, Springfield, MO.

**What you'll do:**

- Provides casework and/or counseling services as deemed necessary and appropriate to assist the family and/or guardian in coping realistically with the child's visual loss to maximize the child's potential and minimize the effects of blindness.
- Provides parent education concerning infant care and stimulation and self-help skills for children with blindness or visual impairment.
- Provides referral and resource information to schools, families and/or guardian(s) to assist them in obtaining needed services. Serves as an advocate, when appropriate, to assist parents in obtaining needed services for the children with blindness or visual impairment.
- Administers and interprets assessment and interest inventories as needed.
- Maintains case records and makes reports as required.
- Provide pre-employment transition services to ensure successful transition and maximize independence.
- Performs other related work as assigned.

**General Summary:** First-level professional position accountable for conducting assessments of clients' needs for employment and vocational training, and/or providing assistance in adaptation and daily living skills, and/or associated guidance and counseling services. Work includes related interviews to gather information, evaluating information and developing and adapting daily activity plans, and/or securing and placing clients in suitable employment, training, or activity opportunities. Duties may also include planning and implementing vocational training and teaching skills to clients (e.g. woodworking, grounds keeping, bench work assembly, recycling, janitorial duties, etc.); training staff in how to instruct areas of work social skills (e.g., attendance, punctuality, safety, rules, procedures, and following instructions); or providing assistance in developing self-help, communication, mobility, and daily living skills, and/or providing guidance to individuals to address adjustment problems.

**Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:** Knowledge of vocational rehabilitation counseling methods and techniques. Knowledge of occupations, employment trends, job opportunities and requirements, and community resources available for job placement. Knowledge of the impact of various medical conditions and disabilities upon an individual's ability to function independently and succeed vocationally. Ability to analyze, evaluate, and understand the physical, emotional, and social implications of developmental, emotional, and/or physical disabilities. Ability to understand and interpret federal and state legislation pertaining to vocational rehabilitation.

**All you need for success:** One year of professional experience in working with persons with blindness and/or visual impairment or in child development, special education, elementary education, pre-school education, child psychology, child welfare or closely related areas; and graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with specialization in special education for blind and/or visually impaired persons, child development, psychology, social work, sociology, special education, elementary education or closely related areas.

(Graduate work in the specified educational areas may be substituted on a year-for year-basis for the stated experience.)

**Minimum Salary:** \$43,782.96 annually (\$1,824.29 semi-monthly).

**To Apply:** Individuals who meet the required qualifications as specified above and are interested in this position must register and complete the application located at [MOCareers](#).

**Recruitment Area:** Accepting applications from all qualified applicants.

**Application Deadline:** Thursday, April 20, 2023.

**More reasons to love this position:** The State of Missouri offers an excellent benefits package that includes a defined pension plan, generous amounts of leave and holiday time, and eligibility for health insurance coverage. Your total compensation is more than the dollars you receive in your paycheck. To help demonstrate the value of working for the State of Missouri, we have created an interactive Total Compensation Calculator. This tool provides a comprehensive view of benefits and more that are offered to prospective employees. The Total Compensation Calculator and other applicant resources can be found [here](#).

**If you have questions about this position please contact:** [HRC@dss.mo.gov](mailto:HRC@dss.mo.gov)

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