**Iowa Department for the Blind**

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**POSTING DATE:** March 17, 2016

**JOB TITLE: Summer Youth Counselor**

**JOB CODE: 03040**

**LOCATION:** Des Moines, Iowa

**LOCATION ZIP CODE:** 50309

**PART TIME/FULL TIME STATUS:** 4 Temporary/Full-Time Position

**SALARY MINIMUM:** $32,219.20

**SALARY MAXIMUM:** $47,091.20

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Starting hourly salary is expected to be $15.49

A temporary Summer Youth Counselor will support the mission, vision and philosophy of the Iowa Department for the Blind. This position will serve the IDB Vocational Rehabilitation Transition Program.

**DUTIES AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

1. Embrace and facilitate the Department’s philosophy of blindness.
2. Facilitate a fun and positive living environment where students can come to understand that blindness is not a barrier to leading a full and active life.
3. Supplement instruction to students in the alternative/nonvisual techniques of blindness such as cane travel, home management, assistive technology, and Braille. (I.e. travel to/from classes, prepare meals, etc.)
4. Assess, identify, and evaluate students’ skills to establish goals.
5. Assure the safety of summer program participants
6. Participate in the planning and implementation of recreational activities, including physical fitness activities during evenings and weekends.
7. Communicate concerns and identify solutions to issues.
8. Ability to work alone or in a team environment.
9. Ability to write clear and concise reports regarding students’ progress.

Position specifications:

1. Knowledge of alternative/nonvisual techniques of blindness (Braille, assistive technology, cane travel, and home management).
2. Basic knowledge of structured discovery teaching methods.
3. Effective verbal and written communication skills using the English language.

Work Schedule: May 31 – August 11, 2016

It is the policy of the Department for the Blind to conduct background checks on all finalist candidates prior to any offer of employment.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

High school diploma or equivalent

For additional ways to qualify, please click on this [link to view additional ways to qualify](https://das.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/hr/documents/class_and_pay/JobClassDescriptions/YouthServicesWorker-03040.pdf) and minimum qualifications.

**POST CLOSE DATE:**  April 7, 2016

**TO APPLY:**

**Note: This is a courtesy posting for a non merit position.**

Positions in this class are exempt from the screening and referral requirements of the Iowa Department of Administrative Services – Human Resources Enterprise. Applications to DAS-HRE only, will not be considered.

Interested applicants send cover letter and resume to:

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