



## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIST FOR THE BLIND**  
**Family Support Division, Rehabilitation Services for the Blind**  
**Cole County**  
**October 7, 2016**

The Family Support Division, Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, is seeking candidates for a full-time position as Children's Specialist for the Blind. This position is based in Cole County at the Rehabilitation Services for the Blind Mid-Missouri District Office located at 3418 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri.

**JOB DUTIES:** 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 traumatic effects of blindness on the family and/or guardian. Provides parent education concerning infant care and stimulation and self-help skills for blind and/or visually impaired children. 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 blind and/or visually impaired children. Administers and interprets the Denver Developmental Screening, Oregon Project for Blind and Visually Impaired Preschool Children, Visual Efficiency Scale for Low Vision and other tests as needed. Maintains case records and makes reports as required. Performs other related work as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** One year of professional experience in working with blind and/or visually impaired persons 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.)

**SALARY RANGE:** \$1,434.00 - \$2,035.50

**TO APPLY:** Interested applicants who meet the required qualifications as specified above for this position must complete an paper application (follow instructions for completion on the application) at <http://oa.mo.gov/sites/default/files/PaperApplication.pdf> and then print and fax that application, any applicable transcript(s) **and** a completed DSS Application for Employment <http://dss.mo.gov/hrc/pdf/mo886-1315.pdf> to Amanda Baker at 573-526-3674 by October 24, 2016.

Transfers - Individuals who are currently a Children Specialist for the Blind, in good standing (i.e., not on a corrective action plan or attendance plan), not on probation and seeking a transfer, fax a completed transfer/reemployment application <http://oa.mo.gov/personnel/job-applicants/transfer-and-reemployment-process> to 573-526-3674 **and** to the Office of Administration fax number at 573 - 526-5382.

**Questions regarding this position may be directed to Ian Shadrick at 573-751-4959.**

**RECRUITMENT AREA:** Accepting applicants from all qualified applicants.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** October 24, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

**Applications will be subjected to review prior to scheduling interviews**

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