Youth Services Behavioral Specialist

Youth Services Behavioral Specialists work to ensure the safety and security for the juveniles in the state's youth development centers. Selected applicants must attend and successfully complete the Juvenile Justice Officer Basic Training certification program. The four-week certification program is comprised of both classroom and physically-demanding training. NCDPS provides training at one of the regional training centers and requires consecutive overnight stays.

Minimum Requirements:

Bachelor’s degree in a human services field, criminal justice, or related human services field from an appropriately accredited institution. Associate degree in a human services field, criminal justice, or related human services field from an appropriately accredited institution, and two years of related human services experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Selected applicants must attend and successfully complete and pass the Juvenile Justice Officer Basic Training certification program. Shift work is required for this position. Weekend and holiday shifts required.

In addition to passing the certification training, selected candidates must:

- Have or be able to obtain required certification(s) as a Juvenile Justice Officer (i.e. a diploma)
- Pass a Criminal Background check and pass a Drug Screening test
- Pass a Psychological test and pass a Sexual Risk Screening test
- Pass a Physical
- Be a US citizen and at least 20 years of age
- Have a valid driver’s license

Excellent benefits:

- Health Insurance
- Paid Holidays
- Paid Vacation
- Retirement
- Sick Leave
- 401K
- Military Leave
- Veterans Apprenticeship Program

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Job Opportunities

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Youth Development Centers (YDC) are secure facilities that provide housing, mentoring, education, therapeutic treatment services and opportunities for positive change and development to prepare committed youth a successful transition and reentry to community setting.

All juveniles at YDCs receive the following core services: Chaplaincy Services; Academic Education; Health Services; Nutrition Services; Mental Health Services; Recreation Services; Treatment Programming; Social Work Services/Reintegration and Aftercare Planning.