# So, you want to be a... Youth Development Center Program Manager

### **Introduction**

The primary purpose of the Youth Development Center Program Manager is to perform administrative and managerial work in directing and coordinating the delivery of residential, facilitative, rehabilitative, and treatment programming at a Juvenile Justice youth development center. Modeling and social support for the behavior and cognitions, values, attitudes, and beliefs conducive to pro-social behavior is a core expectation. A YDC program manager participates in determining institution-wide goals and objectives as a member of the management team and ensures that all areas of the campus are meeting goals connected to the standards associated with the facility's peer review.

## Education

- Master's degree in a human services field, such as criminal justice, with 3 years of experience in professional-level treatment programming for delinquent youth. One of these years must have been in a supervisory or administrative capacity.
- Bachelor's degree in a human services field, such as criminal justice, and four years of experience in professional-level treatment programming for delinquent youth, with one year being in a supervisory or administrative capacity

### **Other Requirements/Information**

- Complete and pass the juvenile justice officer basic training certification program
- Pass a criminal background check and drug screening test
- Pass the psychological test and sexual risk screening test
- Pass a physical
- Be a U.S. citizen and at least 20 years old
- Knowledge of institutional programming, treatment and rehabilitation modalities, adolescent behavior and development preferred

### For More Information

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