

**So, you want to be a...
Youth Services Behavioral Specialist**

Introduction

Youth services behavioral specialists provide supervision, care, counseling, and support to youth who are in the physical custody of the juvenile justice system. Individuals in this position are expected to implement individual and group treatment plans for behavioral changes as part of a rehabilitation program. Youth services behavioral specialists are also expected to provide security, control, and maintain custody, and keep up with documentation and paperwork.

Education

An undergraduate degree in a human services field, such as criminal justice, is required.

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

For More Information

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