

UPWARD MOBILITY PROGRAM

Annotated Guide

Target Title: **Juvenile Justice Youth & Family Specialist, Opt 1**

Position Title Code: 21991

Salary Grade: RC-062-18

Credential or Certificate: Credential

User Agency: Juvenile Justice

The option 1 for the Juvenile Justice Youth and Family Specialist designates a specific educational requirement, as indicated below. This position provides case management services to assigned youth in Juvenile Justice Illinois Youth Centers (IYC's) and Aftercare settings located throughout the state. In IYC settings, they assess youth needs and strengths in areas of educational, vocational, family, peer, and behavioral health needs and provide interventions, counseling, and skill-building activities in individual and group settings. They refer and coordinate services with other professionals and service providers. In Aftercare settings, they implement and monitor services such as treatment, counseling, release and transition plans, and work with community-based providers to facilitate successful re-entry into the community. They monitor and supervise the youth by means such as electronic monitoring, approving youth's schedules and visitations. A characteristic of this position is the need to schedule evening and weekend work activity outside of school hours and driving to various locations in performance of duties.

These positions are utilized statewide within IYC's and field offices in Champaign, Cook, DuPage, Jersey, Kane, Peoria, Saline, Sangamon, St. Clair and Winnebago counties.

Minimum Training and Experience

UMP will only pay for a Bachelor's degree in the following programs:

Sociology, Child, Family and Community Services, Human Development Counseling, Psychology, Social Psychology, Behavioral Studies, Social Science, Child and Family Services, Social Work/Social Welfare, Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Corrections, Law Enforcement, Police Science, Social Justice Administration, Administration of Justice, Mental Health Counseling, General Counseling, Guidance and Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling/Administration, and Pastoral Counseling.

Grading Option 1:

- A) Requires a related bachelor's degree and
- B) Requires two years of professional experience working with youth in juvenile services.

Grading Option 2:

- A) Requires any bachelor's degree and
- B) Requires three years of professional experience in counseling or casework.

* All candidates must be over the age of 21 as set forth in the Juvenile Justice Act, [730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-15 (b)].

Grading Guide

Grading Option 1: Meeting the educational requirements with a related bachelor's degree listed on this annotated guide and at least two-year of full-time professional experience working with youth in juvenile services will entitle the participant to be evaluated as QUALIFIED which is equal to a "B" grade.

Grading Option 1: Meeting the educational requirements with a related bachelor's degree listed on this annotated guide and at least three-years of full-time professional experience working with youth in juvenile services will generally entitle the participant to be evaluated with an "A" grade.

Grading Option 2: Meeting the educational requirements with any bachelor's degree and at least three-years of full-time professional experience in counseling or casework will entitle the participant to be evaluated as QUALIFIED which is equal to a "B" grade.

Grading Option 2: Meeting the educational requirements with any bachelor's degree and at least four-years of full-time professional experience in counseling or casework will generally entitle the participant to be evaluated with an "A" grade.

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