



We are recruiting for an Independent Living Specialist to join our team! This position includes working with foster youth ages 13 through 17 years, and services to young adults who have exited foster care, ages 18 through 23. These services will be provided with the goal of developing age-appropriate levels of self-sufficiency and independence for each youth and preparing each youth to enter the workforce and/or post-secondary education.

The Independent Living Specialist will report to the Program Director. This is a full-time position, hourly and non-exempt.

Monday through Friday 11:30am-8:00pm, flexible when needed.

Pay will range from \$18-\$22/hour depending on experience and education.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Develop and present life skills lessons in areas such as but not limited to employment, vocational, financial, nutrition, socialization, and community engagement for ages 13 through 17 years old.
- Establish strong working relationships with community organizations in areas such as education, behavioral health, and physical health to facilitate appropriate services.
- Assist residents in developing life plans to set goals to succeed in the areas of education, housing, transportation, personal finance, health and wellness, and how to access the resources to meet the plan and goals for ages 18 through 22 years old.
- Functions as a part of a treatment team.
- Develop and facilitate activities for youth on campus that are ILP related.
- Assist the Program Operations Supervisor with event activities, both on and off-site, that is ILP related.
- Responsible for any data collection and reporting as requested by the Program Director and/or CEO in regard to ILP.
- Transport children as needed.
- Participate and provide input as a team member in regard to the child's plan of service.
- Other duties assigned.

Qualifications:

- *Bachelor's degree in social work or in a related area of study and 2 years of experience working with children; or*
- *2 years of college and 3 years of experience working with children; or*
- *5 years of experience working in child welfare without a post-secondary degree required.*
- *Valid Driver's License required.*
- *Successful completion of initial and periodic criminal background screening.*
- *Full compliance at all times with A Kid's Place drug-free workplace policy.*
- *Attention to detail and problem solving skills.*
- *Excellent written and verbal communication skills.*
- *Strong organizational, planning and analytical skills.*
- *Proficient in MS Office.*

- *Maintain a professional demeanor to all staff and external parties.*
- *Must be reliable, punctual, flexible and a team player.*
- *Compliance with all applicable laws, including laws relating to equal treatment in employment and in delivery of services, and other workplace laws.*

Please submit your resume to Erin Booker, HR Director at ebooker@akidsplaceta.org

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