

Good Shepherd Children & Family Services

Family Development Specialist – St. Louis, MO

Job Description:

The Family Development Specialist position is full time and will serve the St. Louis region and surrounding counties. Primary responsibilities include providing direct service to new and existing resource families including recruitment, assessment, training and support with a primary focus on creating safe, nurturing and stable families for children in the foster care system. This position demonstrates a commitment to connecting children to families and keeping families connected.

Job responsibilities include developing rapport and working effectively with families of diverse backgrounds as well as maintaining professional relationships and communicating effectively with CD staff, court representatives, resource families and services providers. This position provides support and advocacy for families throughout the entire licensing process from initiating an application, to accepting placement and to terminating their license. All activities are conducted in a manner to facilitate the fundamental goals of the program: maintaining family connections, permanency for children, placement stability, safety of children and eliminating the need for congregate care.

Qualifications:

This position requires strong written and verbal communication skills, an ability to work with a diverse client population, a desire to work as part of a team, a working knowledge of community resources, high energy, and a passion for the right of every child to be part of a permanent, safe and loving family. Minimum requirements include at least a Bachelor's or Master's degree in social work, psychology, or counseling and 2 years child welfare experience. Prior Child Welfare Practice training and/or previous STARS/Spaulding training preferred.

To Apply:

Submit a resume and cover letter to:

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