

Adoption Rhode Island

Career Opportunity – Young Adult Support Specialist

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Title: Young Adult Support Specialist
Department: Youth Transition Services
Reports to: Youth Transition Services Coordinator
Status/Hours: Exempt/Full-time
Salary Range: \$40,000-\$46,000/year, with benefits

The Program: The Youth Transition Services department serves youth and young adults who are either at-risk of aging out of foster care or who have already exited the foster care system. Staff are laser-focused in supporting young adults in achieving their educational and vocational outcomes and connected to safe and healthy relationships.

The Position: Requirements and preferred skills for the position of Young Adult Support Specialist, include:

Education & Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in social work or related field, preferred
- Extensive child welfare and/or experience working with older youth, required
- Trauma-informed and permanency competence
- Experience in direct service and policy development strongly encouraged
- Familiarity with state and federal laws related to child welfare and adult services
- Strong verbal and written communication skills as well as data collection & application skills

General Responsibilities:

- Community-based resources related to healthy living, life-skill building, educational and vocational training, providing support towards achieving individualized self-sufficiency plans.
- Work collaboratively with young adults to identify safe and healthy supports by application of multiple family search & engagement strategies.
- Provide training and consultation to child welfare and community-based providers related to permanency and young adult-specific topics.
- Organize and implement workshops and events for client population and their supports.

Agency Requirements

All applicants must (1) be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, (2) pass a criminal Background Criminal Investigation (BCI), (3) have non-disqualifying results from the RI Child Abuse & Neglect Tracking System (CANTS), (4) have an acceptable driving record, (5) access to reliable transportation, (6) possess valid and continuous automobile insurance that meets the state's minimum insurance requirements, (7) hold an active license with the RI Department of Health (RIDOH) for applicable positions.

Agency Location

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