



## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIST FOR THE BLIND**  
**Family Support Division, Rehabilitation Services for the Blind**  
**Greene County**  
**July 12, 2018**

The Family Support Division, Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, is seeking candidates for a full-time position as Children's Specialist for the Blind. This position is based in Greene County at the Rehabilitation Services for the Blind Southwest District Office located at 149 Park Central Square, Springfield, MO 65806.

**JOB DUTIES:** Provides casework and/or counseling services as deemed necessary and appropriate to assist the family and/or guardian in coping realistically with the child's visual loss to maximize the child's potential and minimize the traumatic effects of blindness on the family and/or guardian. Provides parent education concerning infant care and stimulation and self-help skills for blind and/or visually impaired children. Provides referral and resource information to schools, families and/or guardian(s) to assist them in obtaining needed services. Serves as an advocate, when appropriate, to assist parents in obtaining needed services for the blind and/or visually impaired children. Administers and interprets the Denver Developmental Screening, Oregon Project for Blind and Visually Impaired Preschool Children, Visual Efficiency Scale for Low Vision and other tests as needed. Maintains case records and makes reports as required. Performs other related work as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** One year of professional experience in working with blind and/or visually impaired persons or in child development, special education, elementary education, pre-school education, child psychology, child welfare or closely related areas; **and** graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with specialization in special education for blind and/or visually impaired persons, child development, psychology, social work, sociology, special education, elementary education or closely related areas. (Graduate work in the specified educational areas may be substituted on a year-for year-basis for the stated experience.)

**SALARY RANGE:** Annual salary range is \$ \$34,416.00 - \$48,852.00

**TO APPLY:** Individuals who meet the required qualifications as specified above and are interested in this position must update the on-line application at [www.ease.mo.gov](http://www.ease.mo.gov), then print and fax or email that application along with any applicable transcript(s) to Jonni Clark at (573)

751-4723 or [Jonni.Clark@dss.mo.gov](mailto:Jonni.Clark@dss.mo.gov). Even if you are already on the register and/or have applied on-line, a printed application and any applicable transcript(s) must be sent to Jonni Clark. When emailing your application to Ms. Clark; please specify which position and county you are applying for.

**Questions regarding this position may be directed to Dr. Ian Shadrick at (573)751-4959.**

**RECRUITMENT AREA:** Accepting applicants from all qualified applicants.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by 5p.m.

**Applications will be subjected to review prior to scheduling interviews**

**\*\*\* Experience Working with Blind or Visually Impaired Persons is preferred but not required\*\*\***

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