



State of New Jersey

Department of Human Services

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The New Jersey Department of Human Services invites you to apply for the following position:

JOB POSTING #:	311-24	ISSUE DATE:	6/25/2024	CLOSING DATE:	7/9/2024
TITLE:	Program Specialist Trainee				
LOCATION:	Division of Aging Services Office of the Public Guardian 12 Quakerbridge Plaza Hamilton, NJ 08619	RANGE:	P95		
		SALARY:	\$48,056.98 - \$50,229.66		
		UNIT SCOPE:	K920		
OPEN TO:	Current Division Employees				
DESCRIPTION					
DEFINITION:	Under the close supervision of a Program Specialist 3, Program Specialist 4, or other supervisory officer in a State department or agency, as a trainee and productive worker, receives on-the-job training while assisting in the professional, administrative, and analytical work to promote the planning, operation, implementation, monitoring and/or evaluation of human or social service programs, programs serving the socio-economic needs of specific clients populations, or regulatory programs designed to ensure public safety, health and welfare, or protection of the environment; completes assignments which provide practical Program Specialist experience; does other related work.				
SPECIAL NOTE:	The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) makes legal, financial, and healthcare decisions for individuals aged 60 and older who have been determined by a Superior Court judge to be unable to manage their own affairs and do not have a family member or friend willing or able to service in this capacity. Our mission is to aid, empower and protect New Jersey's incapacitated elderly by furnishing outstanding individualized guardianship services.				
	This position will assist in the effective coordination and implementation of OPG's Financial Abuse and Advocacy Specialist Team (FAAST) program.				
	Preference will be given to candidates with experience or knowledge working with a direct awarded grant.				
REQUIREMENTS					
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	Four (4) years of professional experience in planning, monitoring, coordinating, implementing, modifying and/or evaluating a social or human services program.				
	OR Possession of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.				
NOTE: "Professional experience" refers to work that is analytical, evaluative, and interpretive; requires a range of basic knowledge of the profession's concepts and practices; and is performed with the authority to act and make accurate and informed decisions.					
SPECIAL NOTE:	Appointees who successfully complete the 12 months training period will be eligible for advancement to the following title: Program Specialist 1 Social Human Services.				
LICENSE:					
IMPORTANT NOTICES					
NOTE FOR FOREIGN DEGREES:	Degrees and/or transcripts issued by a college or university outside of the United States must be evaluated by a reputable evaluation service at your expense. The evaluation must be included with your submission. Failure to submit the required evaluation may result in an ineligibility determination.				
RESIDENCY:	Effective 9/1/11, NJ PL 70 (NJ First Act), requires all State employees to reside in New Jersey, unless exempted under the law, or current employees who live out-of-state and do not have a break-in service of more than 7 calendar days, as they are "grandfathered." New employees or current employees who were not grandfathered and who live out-of-state have one year after the date of employment to relocate their residence to New Jersey or request an exemption. Current employees who reside in NJ must retain NJ residency, unless he/she obtains an exemption. Employees who fail to meet the residency requirements or obtain an exemption will be removed from employment.				
DRUG SCREENING:	If you are a candidate for a position that involves direct client care with the Department of Human Services, you may be subject to pre and/or post-employment drug testing/ screening. The cost of any pre-employment testing will be at your expense. Candidates with a positive drug test result or those who refuse to be tested and/or cooperate with the testing requirement will not be hired. You will be advised if the position for which you're being considered requires drug testing and how to proceed with the testing.				

NOTE:

* Applicable regular or special re-employment list(s) established as a result of a layoff will be used before promotions are made.
* Telework: This position may be eligible to participate in the Department's pilot "Telework Program", which offers eligible employees the opportunity to work remotely for up to two (2) days per week, as approved by management. Details on this, and other benefits, will be made available throughout the interview process.
* SAME Applicants: If you are applying under the NJ "SAME" program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted along with your resume by the closing date indicated above. For more information on the SAME Program visit their Website at: <https://nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml> , email: CSC-Same@csc.nj.gov , or call 609-292-4144, option 3.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Forward a cover letter and resume electronically to: DoAS.Resume@dhs.nj.gov
You **must** include the Job **Posting #**, and **Last Name** in the **subject line** of your email. **Example: (123-22, Smith)**

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