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Job Description

Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist - (160006P0) Description

The Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) Certified Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Specialist is responsible for training, sensory awareness instruction, route planning, home and job orientation to consumers who are legally blind in a field setting to increase safety of the individual during or while traveling. This position will cover the central region as well as parts of the western region of Massachusetts. Activities are directed towards independent mobility of consumers, assisting them to achieve their maximum level of independence and may include the teaching of long cane skills, dog guide route orientation, use of electronic aids, use of public transportation, as well as other means. The O&M Specialist coordinates with MCB staff in providing O&M training for consumers and interacts with consumers, families, and caregivers as well as outside agencies to advocate for services for consumers. The O&M Specialist provides technical assistance regarding environmental and transportation access issues and provision of O&M services to consumers. The O&M Specialist has an understanding of the following: different models of O&M services concerning consumers who are legally blind with multiple disabilities; awareness of medical aspects and psychological aspects of blindness; and different O&M skills and techniques, instructional methods, strategies and assessments. The O&M Specialist advocates for the provision of O&M services for all consumers and is responsible for maintaining and preparing records, reports and other MCB paperwork. The O&M Specialist attends meetings and conferences to maintain O&M certification.

Please be sure to attach a resume and cover letter when applying for this position.

Pre-Hire Process:

A criminal background check will be completed on the recommended candidate as required by the regulations set forth by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services prior to the candidate being hired. For more information, please visit <http://www.mass.gov/hhs/cori>

For questions regarding this requisition, please contact DCS Central Office Human Resources at 1 (800)393-9324.

Qualifications

This requisition will remain open until filled; however, first consideration will be given to those applicants that apply within the first 14 days.

MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

REQUIRED WORK EXPERIENCE: At least four years of full-time, or equivalent part-time, professional experience in social work, social casework, vocational counseling, employment counseling, rehabilitation counseling, or educational counseling.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

- A Bachelor's or higher degree in rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation counseling, education of the physically or emotionally handicapped, education of the multiple handicapped, education of the learning disabled, social work, psychology, human services, or counseling may be substituted for the required experience on the basis of two years of education for one year of experience.

- A Bachelor's or higher degree in a major other than rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation counseling, education of the physically or emotionally handicapped, education of the multiple handicapped, education of the learning disabled, social work, psychology, human services, or counseling may be substituted for a maximum of one year of the required

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experience on the basis of four years of education for one year of experience.

- A Master's or higher degree in social work, psychology, human services, rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation counseling, or counseling may be substituted for an additional year of the required experience on the basis of two years of education for one year of experience.
- Licensure as a Licensed Rehabilitation Counselor by the Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health Professionals or Certification as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification may be substituted for the required experience.
- One year of education equals 30 semester hours. Education toward a degree will be prorated on the basis of the proportion of the requirements actually completed.

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Females, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Official Title: Rehabilitation Counselor (C)

Primary Location: United States-Massachusetts-Worcester - 340 Main Street

Job: Community and Social Services

Agency: Commission for the Blind

Schedule: Full-time

Shift: Day

Job Posting: Aug 23, 2016, 8:21:23 PM

Number of Openings: 1

Salary: 53,893.84 - 73,221.20 Yearly

If you have Diversity, Affirmative Action or Equal Employment Opportunity questions or need a Reasonable

Accommodation, please contact Diversity Officer / ADA Coordinator: Kamilia Drogosz - 617-626-7510

Bargaining Unit: 08-SEIU - Local 509 - Social/Rehabilitation

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