

Youth Villages Job Details

Requisition Number 09-0204

Post Date 3-25-2012

Title Behavioral Youth Counselor

City Memphis

State TN

Description Youth Villages offers the unique experience for Bachelor level counselors to gain hands-on experience with emotionally and behaviorally challenged young people.

These positions opening up the doors for higher level counseling positions in our organization beginning after one year!

The Youth Counselor (Teacher Counselor) is the heart and soul of our residential treatment programs. The counselor's main duties are:

- Use creativity and counseling skills
- Teach the young people necessary life skills
- Provide for their physical daily care
- Help design and implement each young person's treatment plan
- Help improve the young person's behavior

The young people on our residential campuses have been referred to us for different reasons. Each campus focuses on different referral behaviors such as severe aggression, sexual behaviors, suicidal and self-harming tendencies and many other severe behaviors.

The OTC schedule runs either Sunday-Wednesday or Wednesday-Saturday. Three weekdays: (M-W or W-F) and one weekend day. Youth Counselors spend the night once or twice a week on the campus and have additional responsibility for waking the residents and directing them with their morning routine. This schedule also provides counselors with a three day weekend. (Please note: Counselors do not live on the campuses).

Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in a social services or psychology field is required
- At least one year of working with youth is preferred
- Experience working with troubled teens in a residential setting is a must
- This position will involve a daily interaction with at-risk, severely troubled adolescents

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March 6, 2012

Mr. Jake Kane
Program Manager
Youth Villages
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Dear Mr. Kane:

I learned of your need for a Behavioral Youth Counselor at the Memphis, Tennessee location through the Youth Villages website. I am completing my Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in May, and am interested in pursuing a career in counseling and social services. My education, along with my camp counseling experience, has made me a great fit for the Youth Villages program.

My experience as a residential camp counselor for the past two summers prepared me well for this position. While working for Intercept by Outward Bound, I had the chance to help at-risk teens ages 14-20. The program serves children with poor behavioral skills, and some who had self-harming tendencies, among other concerns. As a camp counselor, I received training before and during the camp program on how to assist the campers with better behavioral management, coping with frustrating situations, and strategies for managing destructive thoughts. The satisfaction that came from seeing the youths' perceptions of themselves develop and change throughout the summer was a great reward. The residential three-week camps ran twice during each summer, and as each group left, I felt good about the treatment we had offered and the services to which we referred students. Seeing the more positive interactions the youths had with their peers demonstrated the impact my work had.

I am strongly interested in working for Youth Villages, a program that focuses on how to "Reach, Teach, and Counsel" its young people. I will call you in a week to follow-up. Should you need to reach me before then, please contact me via phone (706-555-1212) or email (pkapoor@email.com). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Preyesh Kapoor

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