



Position: Transition Advocate (Social Worker)

Location: Olathe, Kansas

Youthrive is presently hiring a part-time or full-time Transition Advocate (Social Worker) in the Kansas City area. The Transition Advocate provides case management, support, and resources for youth aged 17-21 that are transitioning out of foster care and into adulthood. The youth are matched in a mentoring relationship with adult volunteers.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Recruiting youth to participate in the MyPath program and assessing their strengths, needs, existing supports and motivation to work on goals for their future.
- Recruiting and training individuals and families to serve as Support Families (mentors) to the youth in our program. Background checks and individual assessments are also conducted on each Support Family.
- Strategically matching youth with a Support Family and then providing case management for this match to ensure the relationship grows to become healthy and mutually beneficial with a goal of relational permanency.
- Working collaboratively with the Support Family to empower and equip the youth to reach goals to successfully transition from foster care to adulthood.
- With a relational, strengths-based approach, helping the youth grow in competencies regarding critical life domains such as housing, education, transportation, employment, health, identity, social connections and finances.
- Utilize trauma-informed care knowledge and practice to support and equip youth and volunteers.
- Developing relationships with key community partners and service providers.
- Organizing and facilitating training for youth and volunteers.
- Provide regular documentation of youth contacts, meetings, and other case notes. Provide monthly narrative progress reports to case managers of youth in foster care.

Other Requirements:

- Must pass necessary background checks.
- Evening and weekend hours may occasionally be required.
- Must be able to transport youth when needed. Must have valid driver's license, and meet state required automobile insurance minimums.
- Some travel required. Youth are primarily located in Johnson and Wyandotte counties.

Required Experience:

- Bachelor's degree required. Degree in social services, human services or related field preferred.
- Prior experience with youth in foster care or other at-risk youth populations preferred.
- Knowledge and experience with trauma-informed care preferred.
- Social work licensure is preferred.

Hours and Pay:

- Annualized salary of \$40,000-\$50,000 depending on qualifications and experience.

If interested, please send cover letter and resume to info@youthrive.org. More information on Youthrive and its programs can be found at www.youthrive.org.