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## **Tennessee Schools for the Deaf - Knoxville Youth Service Worker 1 – Student Life**

### **Description:**

TSD is searching for a youth service worker. The Department of Student Life Residential Program provides a learning and independent living environment where students and develop to their fullest potential. The Youth Service Worker 1 position is responsible for providing assistance in daily living tasks, personal care and support, and ensuring the personal safety and welfare of deaf and hard of hearing students in a residential setting.

### **Qualifications:**

- High School diploma or GED required
- Associates Degree or above (preferred)
- Skills and experience in working with the deaf and hard of hearing student population with a positive and respectful approach. (preferred)
- Valid Tennessee Driver's License
- Schedule flexibility. Must be able to work mornings, evenings and some weekends.
- SLPI:ASL rating of Novice or above required; SLPI:ASL rating of Intermediate preferred. American Sign Language (ASL) sign classes and skill development support available for selected qualified applicants who do not meet the rating level.

**Terms of Employment:** Full time 10-month employee

**Salary:** State of TN Salary Grade 018 - \$1,874.00 per month

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Direct supervision of students and staff in a residential living environment
- Provide on-going care and training to TSD residential students
- Administer rules and regulations of TSD
- Weekly chaperone students on home going and return trips up to 14 hours
- Accompany students on field trips and extracurricular activities
- Assist with planning learning opportunities for living and recreational activities
- Build and maintain appropriate rapport with students and their families
- Counsel or discipline students as necessary
- Identify and fulfill emotional and social needs of students



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- Assist in the development and implementation of residential student education plans
- Attend meetings within cottage and department regularly
- Interface with parents and legal guardians of students
- Manage students with multiple disabilities as assigned
- Maintain safety of assigned students
- Keep records and make reports
- Maintain high personal standards as a role model for students
- Answer phone calls/VP calls and deal with crisis situations
- Performing other duties as assigned

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- Planning and preparing meals for groups of students
- Ability to identify student needs
- Problem solving skills to address various situations
- Knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL) preferred
- Ability to work with a team of employees
- Goal oriented and student focused
- Ability to manage multiple students alone
- Ability to follow assignments as provided by Supervisor
- Skills in planning and identifying needs of cottage
- Must have patience; good communication skills; good judgment: and a commitment to confidentiality and to the rights of students.

**Benefits:**

Benefits include medical, dental, vision and life insurance, retirement pension, 401(k) match, employee assistance program, personal and sick leave (PTO) and more. A full listing of employee benefits can be found here [Benefits Link](#).

*The applicant selected for this position must complete full background checks including fingerprinting. Background checks will be completed through TBI, FBI, DCS, TN Registry of Sexual Offenders, and TN Registry of Abuse.*



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