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To:

February 25, 2020

APPLICATION FEE: $82.00

WHEN TO APPLY:

From: February 5, 2020
To: February 25, 2020

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WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Child Welfare Specialist Supervisors are involved in the supervision of children placed in foster care, congregate care or adoptive homes overseen by the Administration for Children's Services, or receiving preventive services, in accordance with policies and procedures. Child Welfare Specialist Supervisors also provide expert guidance to Child Welfare Specialists and enter and maintain computerized records. All Child Welfare Specialist Supervisors perform related work.

Special Working Conditions:

Child Welfare Specialist Supervisors may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Child Welfare Specialist Supervisors and environmental conditions experienced are: traveling to sites outside of the office, such as a service provider or other ACS offices.

(This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

THE SALARY:

The current minimum salary is $67,392 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION:

This examination is open to each employee of an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services who on the first day of the multiple-choice test:
1. holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note below) for the title of Child Welfare Specialist; and
2. is not otherwise ineligible.

(Note: A “Preferred List” is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent employees of the eligible title who have rehiring rights.)

This examination is also open to employees who were appointed to an eligible title pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law, section 55-a, and who meet all other eligibility requirements.

If you do not know if you are eligible, check with your agency’s personnel office. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the eligibility requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If it is determined prior to the test date that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, you will not receive an Admission Notice to take the test, you will not be permitted into the test site, and your application fee will not be refunded. If it is determined after the test date that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

THE NOTICE OF EXAMINATION is being amended to add the test description.
ELIGIBILITY TO BE PROMOTED:
In order to be eligible for promotion, you must have completed your probationary period in the eligible title as indicated in the above "Eligibility To Take Examination" section, and you must be permanently employed in the eligible title or your name must appear on a Preferred List for the eligible title at the time of promotion. Additionally, you must have served permanently in the eligible title for at least one year, unless your probationary period in that eligible title has been waived pursuant to Rule 5.2.4 of the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of New York.

REQUIREMENT(S) TO BE PROMOTED:
At the time of promotion, candidates on the eligible list must have:
1. Completed 30 semester credits toward a Masters of Social Work degree or toward a graduate degree in a related field, and
2. Eighteen months of full-time satisfactory child welfare casework experience.

The semester credits must be from an accredited school of social work or university, accredited by regional, national, professional, or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

If you were educated outside the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. This is required only if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination. For more information, see the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide in the Required Information section.

Experience obtained in provisional service cannot be used to meet the requirements to be promoted.

HOW TO APPLY:
If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, apply using the Online Application System (OASys) at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs. Follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment and completing any required information. A unique and valid email address is required to apply online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, and Mail.com offer free email addresses. All new OASys accounts require verification before a candidate can apply to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts and you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to activate your account. For any account creation issues, you will receive onscreen prompts to contact DCAS. This review may require up to two (2) business days to be reviewed and resolved. Please keep this information and the application period deadline in mind when creating your account.

The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or a prepaid debit card with a credit card logo which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets. If you are receiving or participating in certain forms of public assistance/benefits/programs, or are a veteran, you may qualify to have the application fee waived. For more information on eligibility for a fee waiver and documentation requirements visit the Fee Waiver FAQ on the Online Application System at: https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/Home/FAQ. Beginning in January 2020, the Online Application System (OASYS) will no longer be supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to apply for this examination online and submit a money order payable to DCAS (Exams) or to submit documentation for a fee waiver. The centers will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

- Manhattan
  - 2 Lafayette Street 17th Floor
    - New York, NY 10007

- Brooklyn
  - 210 Joralemon Street 4th Floor
    - New York, NY 11201

- Queens
  - 118-35 Queens Boulevard 5th Floor
    - Forest Hills, NY 11375

- Staten Island
  - 135 Canal Street 3rd Floor
    - Staten Island, NY 10304

- Bronx
  - 1932 Arthur Avenue 2nd Floor
    - Bronx, NY 10457

The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers will be closed on Saturday, February 15, 2020 and Monday, February 17, 2020.

Special Circumstances Guide: This guide is located on the DCAS website at https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf_c_special_circumstances_guide.pdf and available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers: This guide gives important information about requesting an alternate test date because of religious observance or a special test accommodation for disability, claiming Veterans’ or Legacy credit, and notifying DCAS of a change in your mailing address. Follow all instructions on the Special Circumstances Guide that pertain to you when you complete your “Application for Examination.”

REQUIRED INFORMATION:
1. Application for Examination: Follow the online instructions, including those relating to the payment of fee and, if applicable, those found in the Special Circumstances Guide.
2. Foreign Education Evaluation Guide (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination): If you were educated outside the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. The services that are approved to make this evaluation are listed on the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide which is located on the DCAS website at https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/foreigneducation.pdf. When you contact the evaluation service, ask for a "course-by-course" evaluation (which includes a "document-by-document" evaluation) of your foreign education. You must have one of these services submit its evaluation of your foreign education directly to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services no later than eight weeks from February 25, 2020.

THE TEST:
The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. A score of at least 70% is required to pass this test. Your score on this test will determine 85% of your final score. Your seniority will be determined based on your previous work experience.
under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services in competitive class titles. Your service will be credited through the date of the test, up to a maximum of 15 years. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited.

The multiple-choice test is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain knowledges and abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of a Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor. Task areas to be tested are as follows: assessment, data compilation, and consulting and coaching. The test may include questions that require mastery of knowledge based on such materials as: ACS agency rules, regulations and procedures; state and federal social services laws (such as adoption laws, and ICPC (Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children)); Time and Leave policies and procedures; systems used to clear and assign cases; case priority procedures; training and staff development; standards of proper employee ethical conduct, including the provisions of Mayor's Executive Order 16 of 1978, as amended; and other related areas.

The test may also include questions requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

**Analytical Thinking** - Analyzing information and using logic to address specific work-related issues and problems; involves the identification of problems, not implementation of solutions. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when identifying and summarizing gaps in casework practice within active cases.

**Attention to Detail** - Being careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when summarizing family case histories in a thorough and concise manner.

**Coaching and Mentoring** - Identifying the developmental needs of others and coaching, mentoring, or otherwise helping others to improve their knowledge or skills. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when meeting with their staff to discuss areas for improvement and to develop improvement plans.

**Concern for Others** - Acting in a manner sensitive to others’ needs and feelings while being understanding and helpful on the job; showing consideration. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when interviewing walk-in clients, directing them to the service or department that is best suited to satisfy their needs.

**Integrity** - Acting in an honest and ethical manner. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when providing relevant case information and their professional opinion on cases to the courts, which then make rulings about the placement of children.

**Judgment and Decision-Making** - Reviewing information to develop and evaluate the relative costs and benefits of potential solutions to problems and choosing the most appropriate one; implementing a course of action determined by thinking analytically. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when making recommendations regarding cases, based on sources of historical data.

**Management of Personnel Resources** - Motivating, developing and directing people as they work; identifying the best people for the job; managing employees needed to accomplish tasks. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when delegating new cases.

**Planning and Organizing** - Establishing a method of execution to accomplish a specific goal over an extended period of time; determining appropriate assignments and allocation of resources. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when communicating with preventive agencies to provide support, resources, and/or in-person trainings.

**Problem Sensitivity** - the ability to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. This does not include solving a problem. It involves being able to see that a problem may occur. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when checking that proper procedure, policy, and/or casework practice is followed, and if not, determines why protocol is being broken.

**Teamwork** - Developing mutual trust and cooperation while working together toward the accomplishment of a common goal or outcome. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when having discussions with stakeholders to determine the cause of an incident.

**Written Expression** - The ability to use English words and sentences in writing. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when writing up reports on incidents that occur in active or closed cases.

**Written Comprehension** - The ability to understand written English words and sentences. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor may use this ability when reviewing a family’s case history with ACS. Certain questions may need to be answered on the basis of documents or other information supplied to the candidates on the date of the multiple-choice exam.
EXAM SITE ADMISSION:
You will be sent an Admission Notice in the mail 14 days before the date on which testing is expected to begin. Your Admission Notice will also be available on your Dashboard in the Online Application System (OASys) account 7 days before the date on which testing is expected to begin. If you access the Admission Notice from your Dashboard in OASys, you must print it out and bring it with you to the test site; displaying your Admission Notice using any of the prohibited electronic devices referenced in the "Warning" section below will not be permitted. You can also obtain a duplicate Admission Notice in person Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Test site assignments will take your address into consideration, but nearness to your address cannot be guaranteed.

Warning: You are not permitted to enter the test site with electronic devices including, but not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, recording devices, beepers, pages, cameras, or portable media players. You are not permitted to use any type of headphones or ear buds. Calculators and electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording abilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are not permitted. If you use any of these devices anywhere at any test site, whether in the testing area, restroom, hallway, or other location, at any time before, during or after the test or Protest Review Session, your test score will be nullified, you will be disqualified from taking any civil service tests for up to five years, and your application fee will not be refunded.

You may not have any other person, including children, present with you while you are being processed for or taking the test, and no one may wait for you inside of a Computer-based Testing & Applications Center while you are taking the test.

Required Identification: You are required to bring one (1) form of valid (non-expired) signature and photo bearing identification to the test site. The name that was used to apply for the exam must match the first and last name on the photo ID. A list of acceptable identification documents is provided below.

If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may be denied testing. Acceptable forms of identification (bring one) are as follows: State issued driver's license, City or State issued identification card, IDNYC, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, US Government issued Alien Registration Card, Employer ID with photo, or Student ID with photo.

Leaving: You must leave the test site once you finish the test. If you leave the test site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be permitted to re-enter. If you disregard this instruction and re-enter the test site, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER:
It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing address, email address and/or phone number. If we do not have your correct mailing address, email address and/or phone number, you will not receive important information about your exam(s), consideration for appointment and/or important information that may require a response by a specified deadline. If you need to update your Mailing Address, Email Address, and/or Telephone Number, read below:

- City Employees - update this information in NYCAPS Employee Self-Service (ESS) at www.nyc.gov/ess
- All Others - update this information on your Profile page in the Online Application System (OASys) by logging into your OASys account and navigating to your Dashboard, then your Profile tab at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs
- Submit a written request in-person or by mail: DCAS, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or brought in person to the same address Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM. Your written request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), previous mailing and/or email address, and your new mailing and/or email address

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:
Use the Data Correction Form and follow all instructions for changing your name and/or social security number with DCAS. The following link will provide you with the DCAS Data Correction Form: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/dp148a.pdf

THE TEST RESULTS:
If you pass the multiple-choice test and are marked eligible, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list, you will be given a list number and you will be notified by mail of your test results. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for promotion. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for promotion if your name is reached on the eligible list. Once a list has been established, it will typically remain active for four years. To learn more about the civil service system go to https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page

If you believe that your test part was rated incorrectly, you may submit an appeal of your score to DCAS, Committee on Manifest Errors, through the Online Application System (OASys). Your appeal must give specific reasons why your score should be higher. Your appeal may result in a higher or lower rating.

To access the appeal portal of OASys, please log into your OASys account at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs and use the following steps:
1. Navigate to the Dashboard for the Appeals tab.
2. Click the NEW APPEAL button to create and submit your appeal.
3. Select the exam from the Exam drop-down list, and
4. Select the exam part from the Exam Part drop-down list
5. Select the reason for your appeal from the Appeal Reason drop-down list (if applicable).
6. Enter the details of your appeal by providing specific reasons why your score should be higher.

Note: You may attach up to 5 documents to support your appeal by using the attachment functionality.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:
Late Filing:
Consult your agency's personnel office to determine the procedure for filing a late application if you meet one or more of the following conditions:

Pretty good.
1. You are absent from work for at least one-half of the application period and cannot apply for reasons such as vacation, sick leave or military duty; or
2. You become eligible after the above application period, but on or before the date on which testing is expected to begin.

Make-up Test:
You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test on the regular test date(s) for any of the following reasons:

1. compulsory attendance before a public body;
2. on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City;
3. absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City;
4. absence due to ordered military duty;
5. a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
6. a temporary disability, pregnancy-related, or child-birth-related condition preventing you from taking the test.

To request a make-up test, contact Administration, Customer, and Exam Support in person or by mail at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, or by email at testingaccommodation@dcas.nyc.gov, as soon as possible, and include documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Section 424-a of the NYS Social Services Law requires an authorized agency to inquire whether a candidate selected for employment who will have regular and substantial contact with children is, or has been, the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report on file with the Statewide Central Register for child abuse and maltreatment. Statewide Central Register checks will be obtained as part of the background screening process for selected candidates. Candidates who have been the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report will not be promoted.

Article 20 of the Executive Law and Article 11 of the Social Service Law requires an authorized agency to check whether a candidate for employment to work in residential care facilities regulated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, including child welfare and juvenile justice facilities operated by the authorized agency, appears on the Vulnerable Persons Central Register. This screening will be conducted prior to considering a candidate for employment. Candidates who have substantiated/indicated cases of serious abuse and neglect will not be considered for any position which requires work in residential care facilities regulated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, including child welfare and juvenile justice facilities operated by an authorized agency.

The Protection Of People With Special Needs Act:
Under Section 378-a of the Social Services Law and Section 845-10 of the Executive Law, the Administration for Children's Services must request that the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs request and receive criminal history information of candidates who will have regular and substantial supervised or unrestricted contact with individuals receiving services. Convictions will be reviewed and evaluated to determine if the convictions are directly related to the job or pose an unreasonable risk, considering the factors set forth in Article 23-a of the Correction Law. Executive Law Section 845-10 (5) lists the following convictions that constitute presumptive cause for disqualification:

- A felony conviction at any time for a sex offense;
- A felony conviction within the past 10 years involving violence;
- A conviction for abandoning a child and/or endangering the welfare of an incompetent, physically disabled or vulnerable elderly person pursuant to sections 260.00, 260.25, 260.32 or 260.34 of the Penal Law;
- Any similar offense in any other jurisdiction outside of New York State.

If an applicant’s criminal history reveals a conviction for any of these types of crimes, he or she cannot be hired unless the Justice Center determines that the health, safety, and welfare of the provider’s clients would not be jeopardized.

Prison Rape Elimination Act:
Appointment into this title is subject to the Federal Regulations of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). As per 28 C.F.R. Section 115.317, the Administration for Children’s Services will not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with residents in juvenile facilities, and who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C.1997); or who has been convicted or civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged or who may have contact with residents in juvenile facilities, and who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C.1997); or who has been convicted or civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged or

Selective Certification for Foreign Language and/or American Sign Language: If you can speak Albanian “ALB”, Arabic “ARA”, Bengali “BEN”, Bosnian/Serbo-Croatian “SRC”, Chinese (Cantonese) “CAN”, Chinese “Mandarin” “MAN”, French “FRE”, Greek “GRE”, Haitian/Creole “CRE”, Hindi “HIN”, Italian “ITA”, Japanese “JPN”, Korean “KOR”, Portuguese “POR”, Polish “POL”, Russian “RUS”, Spanish “SPA”, Tibetan “TIB”, Urdu “URD”, Vietnamese “vie”, West African Languages (e.g., Ibo “IBO”, Swahili “SWA”, Yoruba “YOR”), Yiddish “YDD” and/or you know American Sign Language “ASL”, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this ability through a process called Selective Certification. If you pass a qualifying test, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this ability. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

Selective Certification for Special Experience:
Selective Certification for Child Protection Experience (CWP): If you meet the qualification requirements for Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor and have 2 or more years of full-time satisfactory experience in Child Protection, including case record reviews and analyzing child welfare case practice, you may be considered for appointment through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this experience. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such
Selective Certification. Your experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

Selective Certification for Training Employees (CWT): If you meet the qualification requirements for Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor and have 2 or more years of full-time satisfactory experience in planning and coordinating training for employees doing child protection work, you may be considered for appointment through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this experience. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

Experience obtained in provisional service will not be considered when evaluating whether candidates qualify for selective certification.

Selective Certification for Special Education:

Selective Certification for Master of Social Work Degree (WSS): If you meet the qualification requirements for Child Welfare Specialist Supervisor and have a Master of Social Work degree from an accredited school of social work, you may be considered for appointment to positions performing child evaluation specialist or supervisory conference coordinator duties through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this education. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your education will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at anytime during the duration of the list. If you meet any of the above requirements at some future date, please submit a request by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - Exam Development Group, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number, your social security number, and the selective certification you are requesting on your correspondence.

Application Receipt:
You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, check "Junk", "Trash", or "Spam" folder for the primary email linked to your Online Application System (OASys) account. If you are unable to locate the email, you can view a summary of the notification email to you on your OASys Dashboard, then Notifications. If you are still unable to find the email, please email DCAS via the Contact feature available in OASys with a description of the issue and include the Exam number and your Profile number located on your Profile page. While on your Profile page, check that the email addresses you provided are correct and/or updated.

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:
Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after promotion, and may result in criminal prosecution.