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MADISON COUNTY PERSONNEL/CIVIL SERVICE
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
WAMPSVILLE, NEW YORK

#130-16OC CASEWORKER
(Open Competitive)

#130-16PR CASEWORKER
(Promotion)

DATE OF EXAMINATION:
June 4, 2016

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL:
April 15, 2016

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY APPLICATION DEADLINE
A NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE PROCESSING FEE
MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPLICATION
\$15.00 MONEY ORDER ONLY – PAYABLE TO MADISON COUNTY TREASURER
Since application fees are non-refundable, you are urged to carefully compare your qualifications with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified.
If you are a Madison County employee in a position represented by the CSEA White Collar Unit, you are not required to submit a processing fee under the current negotiated agreement.

SALARY: \$21.49/hr. (2016 Hire Rate)

VACANCIES: The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill present and future vacancies as they occur in the Madison County Department of Social Services.*

*Where a vacancy exists for Caseworker, preference in certification from the promotional eligible list will be given. The open competitive eligible list will be certified after the promotional list has been exhausted.

An open competitive and a promotional examination will be conducted for this title. Candidates may only file for one examination, not both. Please read this announcement carefully since qualifications vary.

OPEN COMPETITIVE - RESIDENCY: There are no residency requirements for this examination. Preference in certification may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of Madison County for at least one month prior to the date of certification.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves providing social work services for individuals and/or their families, including children, to assist them with their economic, emotional, social and environmental difficulties. Work is performed under the close supervision of a Supervising Caseworker, with in-service training provided through the agency's staff development program. The responsibilities include formulating and carrying out plans to meet the individual problems of the cases assigned in consultation with the Supervising Caseworker. The incumbent performs related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
OPEN COMPETITIVE:

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four year college or university with a Bachelor's Degree; OR
- (B) Licensure and current registration as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State and one year of nursing experience.

SPECIAL NOTE: You must submit either your official college transcripts or copies of your actual diplomas postmarked no later than the date of the exam. Failure to do so may disqualify you from the examination process.

Your degree and/or college credit must have been awarded by a regionally accredited college or university or one recognized by the New York State Education Department as following acceptable educational practices.

NOTE: If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. You can write to this Department for a list of acceptable companies providing this service; you must pay the required evaluation fee.

ANTICIPATED ELIGIBILITY - EDUCATION:

If you expect to complete the educational requirement by May 31, 2016, you can be admitted to this examination. If successful on the examination, you will not be certified for appointment until you have submitted proof of completion of the requirements to the Personnel Officer. Proof must be submitted by June 30, 2016; failure to do so will result in removal of your name from the eligible list.

PROMOTION: Limited to Department of Social Services employees with at least one year of continuous permanent competitive class status who also meet the open competitive qualifications immediately preceding the date of the examination.

Seniority Points will be added to the written test score of candidates who pass the written test in accordance with County policy. Rating is based on the length of continuous permanent classified service. A copy of the seniority policy is available from the Madison County Personnel/Civil Service Department or a copy is posted on the Madison County Personnel Department's intranet page.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of an appropriate New York State Driver's License is required at the time of appointment and maintenance of said license for the duration of the appointment.

NOTE: In compliance with Section 424-a of the Social Service Law those candidates who successfully pass the exam and who are being considered for employment will be required to sign a release form for clearance determination by the State Child Abuse/Neglect Central Register.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION: Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which may include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

PRE-PLACEMENT PHYSICAL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SCREENING (OPEN COMPETITIVE ONLY): When you are offered a full-time permanent or contingent permanent appointment at Madison County, you will be required to complete a pre-placement physical examination and controlled substance screening prior to employment.

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: A written test designed to test for knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

1. **Establishing and Maintaining Effective Helping Relationships in a Social Casework Setting** - These questions test for an understanding of the factors contributing to the development and maintenance of productive client-worker relationships. You will be provided with descriptions of specific client-worker interactions and asked to select the appropriate responses. The questions cover such topics as confidentiality, time management, professional ethics and referral techniques.
2. **Interviewing (Caseworker)** - These questions test for an understanding of the principles and techniques of interviewing and their application to specific client-worker situations. You will be provided with a series of concrete interviewing situations for which you will be required to select an appropriate course of action based on an analysis of the situation, the application of the information provided and the ramifications of various interviewing principles and strategies. You will also be asked questions about the interviewing process and various interviewing techniques.
3. **Preparing Written Material** - These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order and then asked to choose from four suggestions the order for the sentences.

ELIGIBLE LISTS: Successful candidates will have their names placed on the eligible list in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Department of Civil Service. The names of qualified candidates will remain on the eligible list for at least one year. Candidates may apply for a retest at six (6) month intervals if being offered in other counties.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Candidates who file for Caseworker examinations with more than one civil service agency will be required to use the score received in this examination subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. A candidate is permitted to take a Caseworker examination prepared by the NYS Department of Civil Service only **once** during each of the following defined periods:

January 1 – June 30
July 1 – December 31
2. A candidate who applies and is approved for more than one Caseworker examination during the same six month period (January 1 – June 30 or July 1 – December 31) is required to use the score resulting from a single test administration for all examinations held during the same six-month period.
3. The candidate must inform the civil service agency if he/she has previously taken a Caseworker examination in any other civil service agency and provide the location and date the examination was taken.
4. A candidate must pay application fees for each examination requiring such fees.
5. A candidate's placement on resultant eligible list(s) and duration of eligibility for appointment will be determined by the civil service agency conducting the examination(s).

*****IMPORTANT CANDIDATE NOTICE*****

Candidates who have taken a Caseworker examination during January 1 – June 30 of this year should submit a statement with the application clearly indicating where and when the examination was taken.

Unless otherwise notified, *candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators*. Cell phones, devices that may be connected to a computer, and devices with typewriter keyboards, "Spell Checkers", "Personal Digital Assistants", "Address Books", "Language Translators", "Dictionaries", or any similar devices are prohibited. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES: A Guide for the Written Test for the Caseworker Series is available at the New York State website: www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm. Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request a copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting the examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

NOTE: Bring positive identification to the written examination such as a driver's license, passport or student identification which contains a photo and your signature. Candidates will not be admitted without the proper identification.

APPLICATIONS: May be obtained and must be filed in the Madison County Personnel/Civil Service Department, County Office Building, PO Box 636, Wampsville, NY 13163. Phone (315) 366-2341. [Applications](#) can also be downloaded at the Personnel Department's website www.madisoncounty.ny.gov. Applications must be received or postmarked no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last filing date.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement.** You may call/write the Madison County Personnel/Civil Service Department, P.O. Box 636, Wampsville, NY 13163; (315)366-2341 or you can download the form from the Madison County Personnel Department's website www.madisoncounty.ny.gov.

TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION: Accepted candidates will be notified by letter when and where to appear for this examination. If notice of acceptance or disapproval is not received at least three days prior to the examination date, please call this office at (315) 366-2341.

This examination is being prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules, and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.

FOR OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMS ONLY: ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION CREDIT TO CHILDREN OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY: In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of deputy sheriffs and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a deputy sheriff or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

VETERAN'S CREDIT: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran's credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. [Applications](#) for veteran's credit are available from this office. Veteran's credit can only be added to a passing score on the examination.

Candidates currently in the armed forces may apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined in Section 85 of Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credit.

THOSE REQUIRING RELIGIOUS ACCOMODATIONS, DISABLED PERSONS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY: IF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TESTING ARE REQUIRED, INDICATE THIS ON YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON YOUR APPLICATION WHEN YOU FILE. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES MUST BRING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO THE EXAMINATION AS THIS WILL BE USED AS THEIR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IN THE EXAMINATION.

ISSUED: March 16, 2016

Eileen M. Zehr
Madison County
Personnel Officer