

## Direct Care Worker Job Posting

Child and Family Charities, Gateway Youth Services Division, Lansing, MI, is seeking a **Youth Service Specialist**. The position is part time and includes some overnight and weekend availability.

### Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the House Manager and Director of Programs, the Youth Service Specialist will provide for the basic needs of runaway, homeless, or at-risk youth who voluntarily admit themselves into the shelter program. The overall safety and well-being of the youth in shelter is the primary responsibility of the Direct Care Worker. In addition, Direct Care Staff assist in teaching independent living skills using a positive youth development philosophy.

### Overview of Position:

This position is responsible for direct shift coverage, including the provision of supervision, crisis intervention, and appropriate modeling for at-risk youth in either of Gateway's residential programs. Attendance at monthly staff meetings and the ability to provide emergency coverage of shift are additional expectations of the position.

### Qualifications:

Must have the ability and desire to work well independently and as part of a team. Ideal candidate will demonstrate a high level of personal and professional integrity and trustworthiness. Possess a strong work ethic, ability to take initiative, and require minimal direction. Demonstrate passion for Gateway's mission and an environment that promotes best practices and positive youth development.

In addition:

- High School Diploma required
- Minimum two years experience working with adolescents required
- Ability to work with people from different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Ability to effectively manage crisis situations
- Access to reliable transportation and a valid driver's license
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent problem solving skills

**Apply** for this position by sending a resume and letter of interest to:

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