The Juvenile Assessment Center

AIDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN ARAPAHOE, DOUGLAS, ELBERT AND LINCOLN COUNTIES SINCE 2000

Two Overnight JAC Assessment Specialist Positions Open

- One full time position available Sunday through Thursday 10pm-6am.
- One full time position available Monday through Friday 10pm-6am.

Salary: $35,973.98 a year plus health and dental benefits; optional retirement plan; 12 floating holidays a year and up to 10 hours each month in vacation time.

The Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) seeks two passionate professionals to join their dynamic team of early intervention specialists assisting young people in crisis connect with supportive services. The nonprofit organization provides immediate screening, assessment, and referral to supportive services at no-cost to youth age 10 through 17 exhibiting concerning behavior. JAC programming is evidence supported and promotes the social, emotional, and behavioral well-being of youth and families. Parents, school professionals, courts, law enforcement officers, and other youth serving professionals may make a referral.

Responsibilities:

JAC Assessment Specialists serve youth through two programs; the Community Assessment Program and the Senate Bill 94 Program. The Community Assessment Program provides comprehensive assessment and referral services to youth identified as at-risk and high need. The Senate Bill 94 Program provides intake, detention screening, and assessment reports to youth charged with a district level offense. All services are provided within the organization’s segregated section of the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office Detention Facility in Centennial, Colorado.

JAC Assessment Specialist obligations include:

- **Intake**: Data entry; if appropriate fingerprinting and taking mug shots of eligible youth.
- **Screening**: The Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument Version 2 (MAYS1-2); potentially the CRAFFT, 18th Judicial District High Risk Victim Identification Tool, School Refusal Assessment Scale-Revised (SRAS-R), or Southwest Michigan Child Trauma Center Trauma Checklist.
- **Assessment**: One-on-one Motivational Interview with the youth to complete the Colorado Juvenile Risk Assessment (CJRA) or the JAC questionnaire.
- **Case Planning**: Recommendations to supportive services and or positive intervention strategies.
- **Release**: Coordinates release to guardians or with partnering agencies for an alternative release from the program. Specialists may also facilitate crisis intervention for youth and families prior to release.
- **Case Management**: Contact with the youth and guardian post-assessment to track progress.

Minimum Requirements:

- Must have a Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college or university; preferably in criminal justice, social work, psychology, sociology, human development, or a closely related field.
- Strong written and verbal communication skill.
- Flexible in work schedule; staff may be required to work holidays.
- Must be able to pass criminal background check and drug screen.
- Knowledge of Motivational Interviewing techniques is preferred but not required.
- Familiarity with the juvenile justice system and/or related field preferred but not required.
- Bilingual Spanish/English candidates encouraged to apply; starting salary is $36,623.98.

To Apply:

Send resume and letter of interest to: Zach Abdelbaki, Program Director, ZAbdelbaki@arapahoegov.com. Be sure all electronic materials can be easily opened by Microsoft Word or Adobe Reader. Applicants that do not meet the minimum requirements will not be considered.