

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT, VIRGINIA
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

TITLE: SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The essential function of the position within the organization is to direct, plan, organize, and formulate local policy for the MCDSS. The position is responsible for budgetary responsibility, coordination of community resources, making final personnel decisions, directing staff, preparation of grant applications, and implementing programs. The position formulates long range goals for the organization; develops policy and position papers and negotiates with chief administrative officer and/or elected officials.

PRIMARY DUTIES: *This list represents the essential tasks performed by the position. Employees may be assigned additional duties by management as required.*

Representing agency to the public and to political entities.

Exercising final authority for all personnel management in agency.

Planning, presenting, and advocating for agency local and state budget.

Collaborating with other DSS agencies on grants and projects.

Collaborating with other community agencies to obtain needed resources.

Creating and implementing strategic planning.

Monitoring upcoming federal and state legislation and policy decisions to aid in planning.

Preparing financial reports, program reports, and agency annual reports.

Preparing grant applications.

Serving on statewide policy planning and advisory groups.

DATA RESPONSIBILITY: *Data refers to information, knowledge, and conceptions obtained by observation, investigation, interpretation, visualization, and mental creation. Data are intangible and include numbers, words, symbols, ideas, concepts, and oral verbalizations.*

Synthesizes or integrates analysis of data or information to discover facts or develop knowledge or interpretations; modifies policies, procedures, or methodologies based on findings.

PEOPLE RESPONSIBILITY: *People refers to individuals who have contact with or are influenced by the position.*

Negotiates or exchanges ideas, information, and opinions with others to formulate policies and programs, or arrive jointly at decisions, conclusions, or solutions.

INVOLVEMENT WITH THINGS: *Things refers to inanimate objects such as substances, materials, machines, tools, equipment, work aids, or products. A thing is tangible and has shape, form, and other physical characteristics.*

Coordinates the handling of machines, tools, equipment, or work aids involving extensive latitude for judgment regarding attainment of standard or in selecting appropriate items.

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ASSETS RESPONSIBILITY: *Assets responsibility refers to the responsibility for achieving economies or preventing loss within the organization.*

Requires responsibility and opportunity for achieving wide-spread economies and/or preventing losses through the management of a department that has an organization-wide impact or significant impact on the general population.

SAFETY OF OTHERS: *Safety of others refers to the responsibility for other people's safety, either inherent in the job or to assure the safety of the general public.*

Requires considerable responsibility for the safety and health of others and/or continuous enforcement of the laws and standards of public health and safety.

MATHEMATICAL REQUIREMENTS: *Mathematics deals with quantities, magnitudes, and forms and their relationships and attributes by the use of numbers and symbols.*

Uses practical application of fractions, percentages, ratios and proportions, measurements, or logarithms; may use algebraic solutions of equations and equalities, deductive geometry, and/or descriptive statistics.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS: *Communications involves the ability to read, write, and speak.*

Reads scientific and technical journals, abstracts, and financial reports; writes complex articles and reports; makes presentations to professional groups.

COMPLEXITY OF WORK: *Complexity of work addresses the analysis, initiative, ingenuity, creativity, and concentration required by the position and the presence of any unusual pressures.*

Performs work involving the application of principles of logical thinking, scientific, or legal practice to diagnose or define problems, collect data and solve abstract problems with widespread unit or organization impact; requires sustained, intense concentration for accurate results and continuous exposure to unusual pressure.

IMPACT OF DECISIONS: *Impact of decisions refers to consequences such as damage to property, loss of data or property, exposure of the organization to legal liability, or injury or death to individuals.*

Makes decisions with serious impact - affects most units in organization, and may affect citizens; probability of loss of life and/or damage are likely.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: *Education requirements refers to job specific training and education required for entry into the position.*

Requires education or training equivalent to a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Communications, Liberal Arts, or a related field.

LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED: *Licenses, certifications, and registrations refers to professional, state, or federal licenses, certifications, or registrations required to enter the position.*

Requires none.

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EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: *Experience refers to the amount of work experience that is required for entry into the position that would result in reasonable expectation that the person can perform the tasks required by the position.*

Requires eight years of related experience.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIREMENTS

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: *Physical demands refers to the requirements for physical exertion and coordination of limb and body movement.*

Requires sedentary work involving standing or walking for brief periods, exerting up to 10 pounds of force on a regular basis, and some dexterity in operating machines, tools, or office equipment.

UNAVOIDABLE HAZARDS: *Unavoidable hazards refers to unusual conditions in the work environment that may cause illness or injury.*

The position is exposed to violence and disease/pathogens.

SENSORY (ADA) REQUIREMENTS: *Sensory requirements refers to hearing, sight, touch, taste, and smell necessary to perform the tasks required by the position efficiently.*

The position requires normal visual acuity and field of vision, hearing, and speaking.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE

The Montgomery County Government of Virginia is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ADA requires the County to provide adequate accommodations to qualified persons with disabilities. Prospective and current employees are encouraged to discuss ADA accommodations with management.