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Job Title: **Corrections Transportation Officer I**
Agency: Corrections
Closing Date/Time: Wed. 07/06/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,994.00 - \$5,955.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Randolph County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC006**
Bid ID#: **IDOC29-83-16-0146**

Under general supervision, operate the transportation bus or any other vehicle for the purpose of transporting inmates, staff or property of the Menard Correctional Center between correctional centers, on court writs, or on medical furloughs, ensuring compliance with all regulations and requirements

Position

CONTACT: Jill Wehrheim, Human Resource Representative
or Tammy Cole, Human Resource Associate
Menard Correctional Center
P. O. Box 711
Menard, IL 62259
618-826-5071, extension 2224 or 2351
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Job Title: Data Processing Technician (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency: Revenue
Closing Date/Time: Wed. 06/29/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,027.00 - \$4,223.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 2
Plan/BU: RC028
Bid ID#: DOR 12264

Under general supervision, responsible for carrying out difficult data entry duties in the Exception Processing Unit that require interpreting data and correcting or entering the appropriate codes on summaries of information to be keyed using the Key Entry III software, and a Windows application on a personal computer. Initiates and monitors the process of editing completed batches of source documents

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Job Title: Day Care Licensing Representative II (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency: Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time: Wed. 06/29/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC063
Bid ID#: 1613040-135186

Under supervision, performs responsible functions of the day care licensing program in accordance with agency policies and procedures; maintains responsibility for the licensing of specific day care centers and homes; conducts licensing studies of day care centers and homes to determine compliance with licensing standards

Contact Person: Johnnie Rambo
Johnnie.Rambo@illinois.gov
DCFS Licensing Division
1911 S Indiana Ave, 9th Floor
Chicago, IL 60616
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Job Title: Information Services Specialist I - Opt C (Upward Mobility Target Title)

Agency: Central Management Services

Closing Date/Time: Mon. 07/11/16 5:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$4,159.00 - \$6,218.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Sangamon County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC063

Bid ID#: CMS 12269

Under immediate supervision, assists in providing professional support and assistance to end users of multiple State of Illinois agencies, boards, and commissions; performs work of entry level of difficulty by participating with senior analyst in the configuration of personal computing devices, applying images and loading customer specific applications and software. Maintains bulk personal computer equipment received at End User Computing (EUC) imaging center

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Job Title: Insurance Analyst I - Opt 2
Agency: Central Management Services
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 06/30/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,027.00 - \$4,223.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC014
Bid ID#: CMS 12342

Under supervision, performs routine technical and professional duties relative to the administration of the Optional Tax Programs (flexible spending, commuter savings and health savings accounts) Section; reconciles bulk funding reports; addresses technical inquiries concerning the Programs from a variety of sources; operates a computer terminal to approve, enter, and maintain enrollment data, obtains necessary account and spreadsheet information used to perform analysis.

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Job Title: **JUVENILE JUSTICE SCHOOL COUNSELOR**
Agency: Juvenile Justice
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 07/07/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,831.00 - \$8,115.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: DuPage County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **BBR**
Bid ID#: **IDJJ-27-10-2016-9997**

Subject to administrative approval of the Principal, acquires and transfers academic and other pertinent records to and from juvenile justice facilities, educational facilities or other public, state or local agencies; monitors and tracks the provision of juvenile justice school district education services for compliance with state and federal education mandates and required deadlines; documents and records data

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Illinois Youth Center Warrenville
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Warrenville, IL 60555
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Job Title: **Juvenile Justice Specialist Intern - Upward Mobility**
Agency: **Juvenile Justice**
Salary: **\$3,994.00 - \$5,867.00 monthly**
Job Type: **Full-Time**
Location: **Statewide, Illinois**
Number of Vacancies: **00**
Bid ID#: **DJJ27-09 Continuous**

Under immediate supervision and subsequently under direct supervision for a period of twelve months, receives formal classroom instruction and on the job training, while performing beginning level professional duties. Assist in the supervision of the daily activities of youth; Interacts with youth; facilitates group sessions to develop rapport with youth; Provides input in to the development of individualized service plans.

Ken Hilgendorf, Agency Contact
Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice
217-557-1030 x3008

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Job Title: **Juvenile Justice Supervisor (Upward Mobility Target Title)**

Agency: **Juvenile Justice**

Closing Date/Time: **Tue. 06/28/16 3:30 PM Central Time**

Salary: **\$5,457.00 - \$8,295.00 monthly**
\$65,484.00 - \$99,540.00 annually

Job Type: **Full-Time**

Location: **Kane County, Illinois**

Number of Vacancies: **3**

Plan/BU: **CU500**

Bid ID#: **IDJJ-27-15-16-1524**

Under direction of the Juvenile Justice Chief of Security, services as supervisor in a juvenile justice facility direction security, sanitation and control within the facility to ensure the safety of youth and staff. Directs delivery of programs services through subordinate staff. Reviews subordinate reports in support of youth discipline. Completes required reports and notifies staff of issues, concerns and activities. Plans and coordinates pre-service and in-service training.

Agency Contact:

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Human Resources Representative
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630-584-0506 ext. 519
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Job Title: **Juvenile Justice Youth and Family Specialist - Opt 1**

Agency: **Juvenile Justice**

Closing Date/Time: **Wed. 06/29/16 4:00 PM Central Time**

Salary: **\$4,571.00 - \$6,878.00 monthly**
\$54,852.00 - \$82,536.00 annually

Job Type: **Full-Time**

Location: **Jersey County, Illinois**

Number of Vacancies: **1**

Plan/BU: **RC062**

Bid ID#: **IDJJ27-50-16-0055**

Under general supervision of the Youth & Family Specialist Supervisor; provides a range of prescribed treatment services in accordance with policy and case management to youth within an assigned team setting; provides counseling services to youth in a group and individual basis during initial orientation and adjustment to facility; conducts assessments to evaluate youth and determine appropriate and effective counseling treatments

CONTACT:

Mary Goetten 618-786-2371, ext. 110

mary.goetten@doc.illinois.gov

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Job Title: **Building/Grounds Laborer**
Agency: Central Management Services
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 06/23/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,240.00 - \$4,592.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC042**
Bid ID#: **CMS 12290**

Under immediate supervision of Facility Supervisor, performs routine cleaning, maintenance and ground maintenance functions for the Department of Central Management Services operated facilities within the Chicago & Northern Region -- Client Agencies. Travels to various facilities within Chicago & Northern region on an as-needed basis.

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Job Title: **Building/Grounds Lead I**
Agency: Central Management Services
Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/24/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,498.00 - \$5,063.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC042**
Bid ID#: **CMS 12345**

Under general supervision, serves as designated lead worker to Building/Grounds Laborers and contractual workers; performs routine cleaning, maintenance and grounds maintenance functions for various Department of Central Management Services' operated facilities within the IL State Fairgrounds and DNR Facilities,

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Job Title: **Carpenter**
Agency: Corrections
Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/24/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$43.35 - \$45.73 hourly
Job Type: Exempt
Location: Will County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **PR000**
Bid ID#: **IDOC29-89-16-0142**

Under direct supervision of the Stationary Engineer-Chief at the Joliet Treatment Center, performs skilled work in carpentry and construction.

AGENCY CONTACT:
Koley Scott
Public Safety Shared Services Center
1301 Concordia Court
Springfield, IL 62702

PHONE: 217-557-6015
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Job Title: **Central Payroll Analyst**
Agency: Central Management Services
Closing Date/Time: Tue. 06/28/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: Depends on Qualifications
Job Type: Temporary
Location: Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Bid ID#: **CMS 12391**

The contractor will contribute crucial institutional knowledge and expertise on the State's Central Payroll IT System. The Contractor will provide technical leadership for key Central Payroll projects including: (1) transition of system processing components from State control to the vendor for the new Custom Benefits Solution, and (2) ERP analysis and design for payroll processing.

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Job Title: Chief State Steward - Harness
Agency: Racing Board
Closing Date/Time: Tue. 06/28/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$0.00 / Month
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC062
Bid ID#: IRB 12296

Under the supervision of the Executive Director through the Director of Field Operations of the Illinois Racing Board (IRB); monitors and regulates Harness and Thoroughbred racing in accordance with Racing Board rules. The Racing Board shall designate one of the two state stewards as the Chief Steward. The Chief Steward is the presiding steward at all race tracks at which he serves under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Racing Board. All other Stewards shall report to the Chief Steward, all action taken by them.

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Job Title: **Child Protection Specialist**
Agency: Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 06/23/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: McHenry County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **1633054-335445**

Under direction of the team supervisor, receives and investigates reports of physical and sexual abuse and neglect reported by mandated and other sources; assesses immediate safety and risk factors of involved children and takes necessary protection action

SUBMIT BIDS TO:
Lora Busse-Fleck
DCFS Aurora Regional Office
8 E. Galena Blvd
Aurora, IL 60506
Phone: 630.801.3575
Fax: 630.801.3530
Email: Lora.Busse-Fleck@illinois.gov

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Job Title: **Child Protection Specialist**
Agency: Children & Family Services
Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Vermilion County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **5**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **1636500**

Under direction of the team supervisor, receives and investigates reports of physical and sexual abuse and neglect reported by mandated and other sources; assesses immediate safety and risk factors of involved children and takes necessary protection action

SUBMIT BIDS TO:
Patty Gideonsen
5415 N University Ave
Suite 103
Peoria, IL 61614
Fax: 309-693-5316

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Job Title: **Child Welfare Administrative Case Reviewer**

Agency: Children & Family Services

Closing Date/Time: Thu. 06/30/16 5:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$5,441.00 - \$8,318.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Cook County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: **1**

Plan/BU: **RC063**

Bid ID#: **1660029-600912**

Under general direction of the ACR POS Administrator/ACR Program Manager, within an identified area of assignment, reviews, determines, convenes, manages, and conducts an independent case review of every child in substitute care, as required by federal and state law; reviews service plan and amends to ensure consistency with laws, rules

April Coats

DCFS

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Job Title: Conservation/Historic Preservation Worker

Agency: Agriculture

Salary: \$8.25 - \$17.00 hourly

Job Type: Temporary

Location: Perry County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 300

Bid ID#: 11-11-IDOA-238

Under immediate supervision, for a period not to exceed 6 months, performs a variety of unskilled manual labor in maintenance and/or simple clerical duties at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. Involves responsibility only for performing work promptly and efficiently.

DuQuoin State Fairgrounds
655 Executive Drive
DuQuoin, IL 62832
618-542-1515

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Job Title: **Correctional Counselor I (Upward Mobility Target Title)**
Agency: **Corrections**
Closing Date/Time: **Tue. 06/28/16 4:00 PM Central Time**
Salary: **\$3,957.00 - \$5,854.00 monthly**
Job Type: **Full-Time**
Location: **Crawford County, Illinois**
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **IDOC 29-57-16-2742**

Under direct supervision of the Corrections Casework Supervisor, performs beginning level professional counseling duties; provides guidance and counseling to inmates. Participates in recommending and reviewing treatment plans; assists in developing and implementing reentry assessment goals; receives formal and on-the-job training for increased responsibilities and job proficiency.

IDOC/Robinson Correctional Center
13423 E. 1150th Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454
Vickie Ecton, HR Representative
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Job Title: **Correctional Counselor II**
Agency: Corrections
Closing Date/Time: Tue. 06/28/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,338.00 - \$6,500.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Crawford County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **IDOC 29-57-16-3117**

Under general supervision of the Corr. Casework Supervisor, performs correctional counseling at journeyman level providing professional services to established caseload of inmates, plans, counsels, coordinates, reviews services for inmates; provides input into the orientation of new inmates; processes routine furloughs; prepares inmates for reintegration into community; enforces and maintains safety, sanitary, security, and custodial measures.

WORK HOURS: 8a-4p - Monday thru Friday; Saturday and Sunday off
IDOC/Robinson Correctional Center
13423 E. 1150th Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454
Vickie Ecton, HR Representative
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Job Title: Corrections Food Service Supervisor I (Upward Mobility Target Title)

Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Wed. 07/06/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$3,994.00 - \$5,955.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Randolph County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC006

Bid ID#: IDOC29-83-16-0515

Under direct supervision, participates in guiding and directing inmates in the preparation and serving of food at the Menard Correctional Center; maintains inventory and records; enforces and maintains disciplinary, sanitary, security, and custodial measures.

AGENCY CONTACT:

Jill Wehrheim, Human Resource Representative

Tammy Cole, Human Resource Associate

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Public use copiers are not available at the Assessment Centers. Therefore, it is important that applicants bring with them copies of their application for each title and test option for which they want to test.

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What is the CTA Second Chance Program?

The CTA Second Chance Program is an initiative offered in conjunction with the City of Chicago and social service agencies throughout the city. Working closely with the Department of Family and Support Services, hard-to-place individuals are given an opportunity to obtain full-time employment and training which may enable a start of a long-term, meaningful career.

How to apply

Jobseekers need to actively participate in one of the 13 designated agencies' work readiness programs. The CTA Second Chance program is in regular communication with the agencies listed below. The agencies' top participants are referred to CTA for the bus servicer and rail car servicer Second Chance positions.

[Click Here For the 13 Designated Agencies](#)

What are the eligibility requirements and qualifications?

- Job seekers interested in participating must:
 - Reside within the City of Chicago
 - Be 18 years or older
 - Participate in 8-10 weeks of Job Readiness Training and obtain a certificate of completion from one of the 13 referring agencies.
- Second Chance participants that are referred are required to be released from the following:
 - House arrest (wearing metal band/bracelet)
 - Drug/alcohol program (i.e. Methadone treatment)
 - Work release center
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How many Second Chance positions are available?

Up to 265 Second Chance participants may be employed by CTA in one calendar year. Start and end dates per Second Chance participant are on a rolling basis.

How long does the program last?

Based on job performance and attendance, a participant may serve for 12 months or more.

How much does the program pay?

Participants are paid at a rate of \$10.00 per hour and may work up to 40 hours per week. Pay checks are issued on a bi-weekly pay period.

How is a participant selected?

As positions become available, CTA contacts the referring agencies. Referring agencies recommend applicants who they have screened and who have successfully completed the job readiness program.

Once the referring agency recommends an applicant, what happens?

- Applicants are fingerprinted for background processing.
- Applicants complete a medical review.
- If the applicant passes background and medical what are the next steps?
 - Orientation/pre-hire
 - Applicants attend a new employee orientation thoroughly outlining program guidelines, eligibility requirements, job functions, placements, and Union participation.
 - Completion of all hiring documentation and application inserts
 - Training

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- Participants are required to complete a (paid) safety training prior to reporting to assigned work location.
- The overall performance and attendance/tardiness of each apprentice is scored.
- Supervisors and apprentices are required to review the scoring of the evaluations, solicit feedback and address any questions or concerns.
- Agencies provide individual case management on each apprentice and maintain periodic contact.

What happens when the participant successfully completes the program?

- Participants in good standing receive a certificate of completion and letter of reference from CTA.
- Providing there are no additional arrests or convictions on the participant's record, the Second Chance program participant is encouraged to apply for CTA vacancies.

Who can you call if you have questions?

If you still have questions about this program, you can contact the CTA Second Chance Hotline

- 312-681-2293.

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10 REASONS TO CONSIDER JOINING THE ARMED FORCES

Whether you are considering the military out of a sense of Patriotism or duty, for action and adventure, or for a steady job in a depressed economy, there is something for everyone. Here are 10 reasons the military may be a good fit for you.



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1. Patriotism, defending our nation, and a sense of duty. Military service is a time-honored way to serve others first. Walter Reuther is quoted as saying, “There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.” (Source). This quote sums up what it means to serve. When you join the military, you learn the true meaning of service.

2. Jobs in a down economy. The US has experienced a difficult economy over the last few years, including high levels of unemployment, rising costs, and the outsourcing of many jobs. If you are looking for employment, consider the military, which continues to offer jobs for those who are qualified medically and academically, and who do not have an extensive criminal record.

3. Pay and benefits. A new second lieutenant starts at over \$36,000 a year plus full benefits, not including added monthly allowances of up to \$3,000, depending on where he or she is stationed. An enlisted person starts at around \$20,000 a year plus full benefits, not including added monthly allowances of up to \$1,500 depending on where he or she is stationed. Enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses can be over \$20,000. After serving only 3 years, some nuclear trained enlisted members in the Navy receive bonuses of \$90,000 for re-enlisting. Student loans can be relieved by up to \$65,000. The military is also one of the few places where you can get a full pension after serving 20 years or more. Military can reach 50-75% of the average of your final three years base salary. In some instances, you can receive more than 75% of your base pay in retirement.

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4. Full medical coverage for you and your family. Military members are immediately eligible for full health care benefits for themselves and their immediate family members as soon as they enter the service, and if you stay through until retirement, you and your family can take these benefits with you when you leave the military. These health benefits extend to immediate family (e.g. spouses and children, and sometimes dependent parents). You may also be eligible for temporary military healthcare benefits after you leave the service.

5. Skills and training. The military provides advanced technical training in a variety of career fields and also offers opportunities for additional training when you are off-duty. Many military members are able to attend college that is often paid for by tuition assistance. You can use your training opportunities to advance within your career field, earn certifications or degrees, or prepare yourself to transition back into civilian life.

6. Leadership opportunities. Military leadership is a great way to get your resume for your next career. If you were to hire someone, would you want to hire someone with proven skills and experience and a degree, or someone right out of high school/college? Give me the experienced professional any day of the week! (More tips for creating your post-military resume).

7. Travel opportunities and vacation time. The military has installations all around the world and pays for you and your family to get there and back. Your off duty time is yours and you are free to travel and see the world. The military gives you 30 days of paid leave per year, not including weekends and federal holidays, depending on your job.



Benefits after Leaving the Service

8. Education opportunities after you leave the military. The new GI Bill pays veterans who served at least 36 months a monthly living stipend and full tuition to pay for college, after they leave the military. Depending on how long the service member commits, this GI Bill can be transferred to spouses and children.

9. Buy a home with no money down with a VA Loan. The Veterans Affairs office offers veterans a way to purchase a home with no money down through the VA Loan. This makes it easier to purchase a home while you are serving, or after you have left the service.

10. A military retirement is worth millions. An officer with 20 years of service, who earns over \$100,000 per year, could retire with a pension of over \$48,000 per year for life in his or her 40's and start a second career. Imagine earning over \$4000 per month for the rest of one's life, starting at age 42. This equates to an accumulative pay of \$480,000, \$960,000, \$1.4 million in 10, 20, and 30 years, respectively, in addition to having full health care coverage and an income from a second job, if desired. (Oh, and those numbers don't account for annual cost of living adjustments which increase your monthly pension).