



AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
(WOMEN, MINORITIES, AND DISABLED ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY)

ANNOUNCES AN OPEN RECRUITMENT FOR:

PROGRAM SERVICES ASSISTANT I/II (PART-TIME)

Application Deadline: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services, Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging
LOCATION: Countywide (current vacancy is in Bishop, CA)
SALARY: **PSA I:** \$12.52 - \$14.48/hour
PSA II: \$12.75 – \$15.52/hour
Up to 19 hours per week with no County benefits

DEFINITION: Provides Friendly Visitation services within the PSA classification, which allows for additional duties as assigned, to seniors who are isolated and identified as in need of social supports.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES: Provides Friendly Visitor services, engaging seniors in activities they have identified as enjoyable. Operates a vehicle in a safe manner over a variety of routes in accordance with established laws and policies. Observes clients in a variety of activities and situations and provides feedback to case management regarding client awareness and general health. Reports any changes to clients' demeanor or alertness as assigned and upon request. Answers clients' questions and concerns and/or refers to appropriate resource as necessary.

May provide the following duties as assigned by their supervisor: Provides home care to clients by assisting with household duties such as reheating meals, mopping, vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, washing/drying clothes, and meal preparation, serving, and clean-up. Picks up groceries and supplies to be used for meal preparation, picks up prescriptions, picks up and delivers mail, and runs other errands for senior clients. Schedules medical and other related resource appointments for clients upon request and according to clients' needs and instructions. Transports ambulatory and non-ambulatory passengers to appointments or other necessary trips, and assists clients in and out of vehicles and to destination. Assists in the preparation of meals for seniors, including main dishes, baked goods, sauces, soups, meats, and vegetables in conformance with state and federal regulations, local health ordinances and County policies and with the purpose of providing food that appeals to sight and taste. Delivers pre-packaged food to clients' homes and/or to senior facilities for future distribution. Assists clients with routine personal bookkeeping and banking practices, including recording items, balancing checkbooks, completing bill-paying responsibilities, bank deposits and withdrawals and other related correspondence, according to established policies and practices and upon request. Provides respite to clients' spouse or live-in caregiver by attending to and overseeing clients in their homes and/or running errands to relieve live-in caregiver of caregiving responsibilities. Reviews pharmaceutical instructions, monitors, and assists clients as they prepare their medications for daily/weekly use according to prescription.

Completes proper documentation, including various reports and tracking sheets, as directed and per established procedures. May monitor and coordinate the work of volunteers and/or other staff as assigned. Performs other duties as assigned.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Training and Experience:

Program Services Assistant I: Requires a high school graduate or equivalent with at least one year of experience providing homemaking, personal care giving, or transporting for a geriatric and/or special needs population.

Program Services Assistant II: Requires a high school graduate or equivalent with at least two years of experience providing homemaking, personal caregiving, or transportation for a geriatric and/or special needs population OR one year working as a Program Services Assistant I.

Knowledge of: Basic daily living needs, including hygiene, exercise, entertainment, food, clothing and shelter of assigned population. Routine and basic sanitary and safety practices related to food preparation and home health care and support.

Standard and accepted English spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Standard and accepted principles and practices of workplace safety. Standard and accepted safe driving practices.

Ability to: Learn and work effectively with special needs and/or geriatric clients or other designated special populations, including individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities. Understand and carry out a variety of both oral and written instructions in an independent manner. On a continuous basis, know and understand all aspects of the job and observe safety rules. Intermittently review papers and log entries. Accurately identify situations involving client's needs and circumstances. Accurately identify safety hazards for assigned clients and address as appropriate. Locate equipment and supplies. Interpret work orders. Remember clients' names and verbal instructions. Understand and explain assigned program's policies and procedures to clients, staff, family members, and the general public. Relate positively to clients and establish trust and rapport. Work cooperatively as part of a team providing services and treatment to special needs clients. Work with various cultural and ethnic groups in a tactful and effective manner. Respond to emergency situations in an effective, timely, and calm manner. Obtain relevant information through interviews and observations. Work effectively with constant or sporadic interruptions. Perform routine clerical tasks including mathematical calculations, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Operate routine food preparation, housekeeping, and personal care equipment in a safe and effective manner. Communicate effectively and tactfully in both oral and written forms. Provide assigned duties that include continuous physical labor in a safe and effective manner for self and others. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the performance of required duties. Consistent attendance is an essential function of the position.

Core Competencies:

The core competencies listed below and the ability to immediately demonstrate these competencies consistent with the position's level in the department and the specific work assignment:

Intensity: Goes after the goal with passion; is results oriented, and gets the job done. *Key Concepts:* Risk-taker; results-oriented; and initiative driver.

Ethical Behavior: Does what is right regardless of temptations and pressures to do otherwise; upholds the public's trust; and conducts self-according to a set of principles. *Key Concepts:* Respect; trust; responsible; fair; and caring.

Influence: Affects successful outcomes for the organization through the use of masterful leadership, collaboration, and a keen understanding of the organization, its goals, and the interests of all parties. *Key Concepts:* Engaged; collaborative; strategic orientation; situational awareness; organizationally savvy; inspirational; energizing-empowering; team orientation; and change agent.

Commitment: Successfully builds relationships with and promotes involvement of diverse groups; considers the needs of diverse clients when developing policies and procedures related to service; works closely with diverse groups to identify and deliver services that meet their needs and the strategic objectives of the program; establishes customer service as the single purpose to which all resources are dedicated; focuses on delivering the best services possible to the public; focuses on customer needs; and is committed to public service. *Key Concepts:* Public servant; and customer service.

Interpersonal Skills: Possesses and uses versatile communication styles and approaches; understands the underlying psychology of why people act as they do and changes approach to affect positive outcomes; builds rapport throughout the organization; and develops human potential. *Key Concepts:* Staff development; communication; listening; delegation; recognition; and buy-in.

Resiliency: Is adaptable; takes direct action; leads by example; exhibits tenacity. This leader is ready, flexible, self-reliant, and has a reputation for finding opportunities in difficult situations. *Key Concepts:* Action-orientation; adaptability; flexibility; agility; tenacity; survivability; courage; confidence; and intuition.

Craftsmanship: Rejects the "good enough for government work" attitude; takes ownership of work done and results accomplished; takes pride in delivering quality services to customers; seeks out opportunities to develop new and creative solutions and programs; imagines possibilities; defines a vision, and works to bring vision into reality. *Key Concepts:* Innovative; imaginative; inventive; pride-in-work; accountability; self-development; and self-starter.

Special requirements: Must possess a valid operator's license issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles; must have ability to lift and carry up to 25 pounds; must successfully complete a pre-employment background investigation.

SELECTION: Selection procedures will be determined by the number and qualifications of applicants and may include a qualification screening, written examination, and oral examination.

APPLICATION: This recruitment will remain open until position has been filled. Applications must be received at the Inyo County Personnel Department, P.O. Box 249, Independence, CA 93526. Must apply on Inyo County application form. A cover letter and/or resume will be accepted in addition to the application form but will not serve as a substitute for a completed application. **It is not acceptable to complete the application with statements like “See/Refer to Resume” or “See Attached”.** Incomplete applications will not be processed.

The County of Inyo has work sites located throughout the Owens Valley (Independence, Bishop, Lone Pine, Big Pine, and Olancho) and the Death Valley area (Death Valley, Tecopa, and Shoshone). Positions are assigned to a work site based upon the needs of the County. Positions may be temporarily or permanently reassigned to another work site as deemed necessary by the Department Head and/or County Administration. **All positions are considered Countywide positions,** and employees are expected to report to all Inyo County work locations as needed to complete assigned work.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH QUALIFYING DISABILITIES: Inyo County will make reasonable efforts in the examination process on a case-by-case basis to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you have special needs, please contact (760) 878-0377 prior to the examination process.

CITIZENSHIP/IMMIGRATION STATUS: Inyo County employs only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized non-citizens in accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.