

## Job Announcement

Briarpatch Youth Services has an exciting job opportunity for a skilled professional. The agency is a dynamic non-profit community organization that has served Dane County since 1971.

Briarpatch provides a broad array of services to more than 2,000 runaway, homeless, at-risk, and court-involved youth annually.

<b>Job Title:</b>	Youth Counselor
<b>Description:</b>	This position provides services to court-involved youth in the Youth Restitution Program. This includes assisting clients with completing court ordered community service/restitution obligations, supervising groups of youth in the community, providing general counseling and case management services.
<b>Qualifications:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two years of paid experience working with at risk youth ages 10-17.</li> <li>• Briarpatch values candidates with relevant lived experience.</li> <li>• Bi-lingual fluency in Spanish and English is preferred.</li> <li>• Excellent written, verbal, and computer skills.</li> <li>• Demonstrated ability to work independently and as a member of a team.</li> <li>• Preference will be given to those candidates who have experience working with youth of diverse cultural backgrounds, knowledge of the Dane County youth justice system, and demonstrated ability to advocate for youth of color.</li> <li>• Degree in human services or related field is a plus.</li> <li>• Knowledge of local community resources, services, and provider networks is desirable.</li> </ul>
<b>Duties &amp; Responsibilities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage a caseload of youth with court ordered obligations.</li> <li>• Conduct client meetings providing individual support, mentoring, and guidance.</li> <li>• Supervise group community service projects/facilitate competency development groups with court ordered youth.</li> <li>• Conduct client intake/assessment interviews.</li> <li>• Negotiate contracts with program clients.</li> <li>• Develop job and volunteer opportunities in the public and private sectors.</li> <li>• Encourage community support and involvement for court supervised youth.</li> <li>• Maintain up to date case notes and files on all assigned cases.</li> <li>• Maintain contact with parents, social workers, and court personnel.</li> <li>• Write timely, accurate reports.</li> <li>• Attend court hearings and team meetings.</li> </ul>

<b>Hours:</b>	This is a full-time, 40 hour per week position with flexible hours, based upon program and client needs. Early evening and some weekend hours are required.
<b>Transportation:</b>	A valid driver's license and reliable transportation are required.
<b>Compensation Package:</b>	<p>Starting pay is \$20 per hour, additional compensation may be available based on bi-lingual abilities, experience, and education level.</p> <p>Benefits include: health, dental, life, &amp; disability insurance; 11 paid holidays; 23 days of paid time off in the first year; retirement plan; flex spending account; and mileage reimbursement</p>

**To apply, candidates must submit a resume and cover letter  
by 12 pm, Tuesday, October 24, 2023 to:**  
**Briarpatch Youth Services**  
**Attn: Human Resources**  
**2720 Rimrock Road**  
**Fitchburg, WI 53713-3337**  
**Or Email: [jobs@briarpatch.org](mailto:jobs@briarpatch.org)**

No calls or recruiters please.

Briarpatch Youth Services is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Briarpatch recognizes the value, potential, and contributions of the most marginalized people in society — including people of color, people from working class backgrounds, persons who are differently abled, women, and LGBTQ+ people. We believe that these communities must be centered in the work we do. Hence, we strongly encourage applications from people with these identities or who are members of other marginalized communities.