



## Job Posting Announcement

Independent Connection is adding two **Youth Outreach Specialists** to our team!

As a Specialist, you will build connections with school personnel, employers, parents, and youth (ages 10-24, with any type of disability) in specific school districts within our service area. Outreach, consultation, and advocacy support will focus on the students' education or employment plans after high school. Actively listening to individualized needs, empowering youth to gain independent life skills, and assisting with locating and accessing various resources to build and use a support network are key focus areas of the work in this position. Getting students ready for competitive, integrated employment or continuing education will be the desired outcome of this work. You will participate in training to build your skills in goal setting strategies, independent living philosophy, and knowledge of available resources. Meetings with youth will occur one on one or in small groups (virtual/in person/in office/in school). If these responsibilities sound exciting, consider the Youth Outreach Specialist position at Independent Connection!

Independent Connection Inc. is a Center for Independent Living, which means we are a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross disability, non-residential, private, non-profit agency that provides an array of independent living services in 9 counties (Jewell, Mitchell, Lincoln, Ellsworth, Cloud, Republic, Ottawa, Dickinson, & Saline). Most of our staff and Board of Directors are people with a variety of disabilities. We are a part of the independent living network working on disability awareness, education, and advocacy. We believe in individual choice and personal decision making. For more information, visit our website: [www.indconnectinc.com](http://www.indconnectinc.com).

### Educational Requirements

Qualified applicants with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for open positions at Independent Connection. A disability is defined as one or more things that make something in an individual's life difficult. Personal/work/volunteer experience with disabilities is helpful. High School Diploma or GED required and two years' relevant work experience. Bachelor's degree preferred. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this position.

Must be at least 18 years of age and be able to pass background checks.

Two full-time positions will be filled. Office hours will be determined by activities but will most generally be between 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday. There will be times when it is necessary to work outside regular office hours, weekend days, or longer than an 8-hour day.

Travel within North Central Kansas is likely. If traveling, employee must have access to transportation. Or, if a personal vehicle is used, employee must maintain current auto insurance. Mileage reimbursement will be provided for work-related travel.

Benefits include a retirement match, paid time off, 12 paid holidays, team atmosphere, flexible schedule, compressed workweek, and more!

Salary is \$15.00-\$18.00/hr.

**To Apply**

Apply on Indeed with your resume and cover letter, apply on our website, or send your resume and cover letter to:

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