

## Help Children and Families in Venango County

*As a Caseworker or Casework Intern in our Child Welfare Agency, you will gain the knowledge and understanding of hands-on human service delivery, acquire valuable vocational and life skills, develop effective means of communicating with a diverse and interesting population all within a small, rural/urban setting that offers outdoor adventure and a great quality of life!*



### Venango County Children and Youth Services

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Families First,  
Safety Always

## Make a Difference in a Family's Life



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## Child Welfare Services in Venango County

Venango County Children and Youth Services is a county-run child welfare agency located in Franklin, PA. Child Welfare Agencies are responsible to assure the health, safety and well-being of children within their jurisdiction. In order to accomplish this task, the Agency is divided into several specialized units as well as employing people for fiscal and administrative support.

The Intake Unit is responsible to screen all calls that are making a referral to the Agency. All calls other than those requesting information only are investigated by caseworkers in order of potential severity, but never longer than five days after a referral is made. All cases must be fully investigated and either closed or transferred to an on-going unit within sixty days.

Each worker in an on-going casework unit is responsible to provide, either personally or through contract, services to assure the health, safety and well-being of children. This is accomplished through the development of a service plan that outlines the steps the family must take in order to accomplish their goals.

All positions carry civil service protection and are under the auspices of the County government. There are currently twenty seven employees at Children and Youth, with 19 employees providing direct services to consumers.

### Employment Opportunities at Children and Youth

Most jobs are entry-level caseworker positions and are civil service. (Testing is required)

An undergraduate degree with at least 12 credit hours in a human service discipline is required. Graduates with a degree in Social Work are eligible to be hired as a Caseworker II. All jobs are located in Franklin, Venango County, but travel throughout the county is required. Incumbents are responsible to ensure the safety of children in their current living environment through regular contacts with children and their families. Responsibilities include conducting interviews, and providing support and supportive counseling. Accurate documentation is a must as well as possession of good communication skills.

### Internship Opportunities at Children and Youth

Internships are entry-level caseworker positions and may be civil service. Testing is required for civil service status) Pursuing a degree in a human service field is required. The Agency participates in the **CWEB** program, which is an internship program through Baccalaureate Schools of social work that provides a stipend to students completing their internships with a guaranteed job upon graduation. Paid internships for other human service disciplines are available. All internships are located in Franklin, Venango County, but travel throughout the county is required. Incumbents are responsible to ensure the safety of children in their current living environment through regular contacts with children and their families. Conducts interviews, provides support and supportive counseling. Accurate documentation is a must as well as possessing good communication skills.

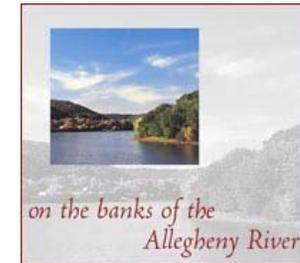
### Advancement Opportunities at Children and Youth

The Agency participates in the **CWEL** (Child Welfare Education for Leadership) Program which provides the opportunity for child welfare caseworkers to obtain a Master's in Social Work De-

gree. The program provides 100% tuition, most expenses, including books and travel, as well as continuation of salary and benefits for the duration of the educational leave. Recipients are required to return to the Agency after graduation and work for a minimum of two years.

### Quality of Life in Venango County

Venango is a small County (Population 58,000) in Northwestern Pennsylvania located between Pittsburgh and Erie. Franklin, where the CYS offices are located, is a picturesque small town. It is the County seat and located only 15 miles from Interstate 80. It's rural setting makes it a safe and reassuring haven in which to live and raise a family.



The Oil Region has a unique combination of cultural and outdoor activities, from a community theater and brass band (which actually gives concerts in municipal parks) to biking, running, rollerblading, cross-country skiing or walking on a fifteen mile scenic trail along the Allegheny River or at the largest county park in Western Pennsylvania.

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