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WYOMING COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE
EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Principal Social Services Program
Specialist

Exam #70319 PROM

SALARY: \$21.88 - \$24.25/hr per
2023 CSEA Contract.

EXAMINATION TO BE HELD:

January 28, 2023

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED TO:

December 19, 2022 by 4:00 pm in our
office or postmarked by 12/19/22.

ISSUED: November 18, 2022

LOCATION OF POSITION: The resulting eligible list for this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in Wyoming County Department of Social Services.

CERTIFICATION:

In county departments certification for appointment will be given to candidates who are presently employed in the County Department where the vacancy exists first. The department in which the vacancy exists will be considered one entity and location for work site will not be discretionary for the candidate.

PROMOTIONAL REQUIREMENT: Candidates must have served continuously on a permanent basis under the jurisdiction of the Wyoming County Civil Service Office for at least twenty-four (24) months preceding the date of the written exam in the competitive position of Senior Social Services Program Specialist or thirty-six (36) months in the competitive position of Program Specialist, Social Welfare Examiner or Child Support Investigator and at a salary level below that of Principal Social Services Program Specialist.

SENIORITY is based on the length of continuous permanent classified service in the jurisdiction in which promotion is sought with points added to an eligible's passing score for each appropriate 5 year period or fraction thereof in accordance with the following schedule:

Less than 1 year.....	0 point
1 year up to 6 years.....	1 point
Over 6 years up to 11 years.....	2 points
Over 11 years up to 16 years.....	3 points
Over 16 years up to 21 years.....	4 points
Over 21 years up to 26 years.....	5 points

DUTIES: The work involves responsibility for the supervision of Social Services Program Specialists and/or Trainees engaged in the intake and eligibility determinations of individuals for various social services programs. The incumbent supervises a unit responsible for a specific function; however, may coordinate and supervise the workflow of other sections within the division. The incumbent provides recommendations to the Director in the development of policies and procedures that are consistent to the goals of the Department of Social Services. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Director of the Division with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in planning and carrying out the details of the work. Supervision is exercised over the work of Social Services Program Specialists and Trainees. Does related work as required.

Subjects of examination: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. Ensuring effective inter/intra agency communications

These questions test for understanding of techniques for interacting effectively with individuals and agencies, to educate and inform them about topics of concern, to clarify agency programs or policies, to negotiate conflicts or resolve complaints, and to represent one's agency or program in a manner in keeping with good public relations practices. Questions may also cover interacting with the staff of one's own agency and/or that of other agencies in cooperative efforts of public outreach or service.

2. Preparing written material

These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

3. Understanding and interpreting written material

These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions only on what is presented in the passages and not on what you may happen to know about the topic.

4. Evaluating conclusions in light of known facts

These questions will consist of a set of facts and a conclusion. You must decide if the conclusion is proved by the facts, disproved by the facts or if the facts are not sufficient to prove or disprove the conclusion. The questions will not be specific to a particular field.

5. Supervision

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

Candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, "Spell Checkers," personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm.

SABBATH OBSERVERS/DISABLED CANDIDATES/MILITARY MEMBERS: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application. Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, who having duly filed an application to compete in a scheduled competitive examination for Civil Service employment by the State of New York or any of its subdivisions and who due to active military duty is deprived of the opportunity to compete in such examination shall be provided with an opportunity to compete, under terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the State Department of Civil Service or Municipal Commission, by way of a special military make-up examination.

This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

VETERANS: Disabled and non-disabled war veterans who are eligible for additional credits must submit an application for veteran credits with **EACH** application for examination. Candidates who wish to claim veteran credits on an examination should request an application and information sheet from the Wyoming County Civil Service Office. Veteran's application forms will also be available upon request at the examination center. The completed forms must be received before the eligible list for this examination is established in order to utilize additional credits.

Current members of the Armed Forces may apply for Veterans credits by filing an Application for Veterans Credits (Form VC-1). Proof of military status must also be presented and verified in order for consideration of granting of conditional Veterans credit. Acceptable proof may include a military I.D. card, military orders, or others official military document that substantiates active military service at time of exam. This documentation and VC-1 Form must be received prior to the establishment of the Eligible List for this examination. The conditional status of the additional credits will remain until proof is provided indicating that the service was in time of war and that the veteran received an honorable discharge, or was released under honorable circumstances.

In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE
WYOMING COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE
338 N. Main St., Thomson Hall
Warsaw, New York 14569
Telephone: 786-8830
Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

OR DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION AT www.wyomingco.net (click on the civil service link)
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APPLICATION FEE POLICY

APPLICATION FEE:

You need to file a \$25.00 processing fee for **EACH** exam you are applying for. The required fee **MUST** accompany your application.

- Send check or money order payable to the "Wyoming County Department of Civil Service."
- Write the examination number on the check or money order.
- **DO NOT SEND CASH!!**

As **NO** refunds will be made if you fail to appear for the scheduled exam or if your application is disapproved, be sure to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. Assistance in determining whether or not you meet the minimum qualifications can be obtained from our office and is yours for the asking.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.
2. Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. Incomplete applications will be disapproved. All necessary licenses, diplomas, and transcripts must be attached to the application when required in the "Minimum Requirements" as listed on the exam announcement.
3. Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three (3) candidates willing to accept appointment. The duration of an eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year and a maximum period of four (4) years.
4. It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Wyoming County Civil Service Office of any change of name and/or address. **NO** attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.

TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION: Approved candidates will be notified by mail regarding the time and place of the examination. If notice of approval or disapproval is not received at least seven (7) days prior to the exam, please call the Wyoming County Civil Service Office at (585) 786-8830.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center. For this examination call 786-8830 or write to Wyoming County Civil Service, Warsaw, NY 14569.

NOTE: APPLICANTS WHO LACK THIRTY DAYS, OR LESS, OF MEETING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS BY THE DATE OF THE EXAMINATION WILL BE ADMITTED CONDITIONALLY TO THE EXAMINATION. HOWEVER, PROOF OF THE ADDITIONAL DAYS' QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE LIST.

IF THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRE A DEGREE AND/OR LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SHALL PERTAIN TO THIS EXAM ANNOUNCEMENT: If you expect to complete the educational requirement within 6 months, you can be admitted to this examination. If successful on the examination, you will not be certified for appointment until you have submitted proof of completion of the requirements to the Wyoming County Civil Service Office. Proof must be submitted within 2 months, following award of degree; failure to do so will result in removal of your name from the eligible list.

Licensure/Certification: If you are eligible for the required licensure/certification you can be admitted to this examination. If successful on the examination, you will not be certified for permanent appointment until you have submitted proof of possession of the required licensure/certificate to the Wyoming County Civil Service Office.

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING ALTERNATE TEST DATE:

1. For situations known prior to when the examination is scheduled for administration, the candidate should get from this office a Request for Alternate Test Date Form as soon as possible before the test date.
2. For emergency situations, you must notify this office no later than Tuesday following the SATURDAY scheduled test date.
3. We **can not** administer any written test **prior** to the **scheduled date**.