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# Social Services Resource Manager Job Interview Preparation Guide.

#### Question # 1

Can you describe your ideal boss/supervisor?

#### Answer:-

During the interview As Social Services Resource Manager process employers will want to find out how you respond to supervision. They want to know whether you have any problems with authority, If you can work well as part of a group (see previous question) and if you take instructions well etc.

Never ever ever, criticize a past supervisor or boss. This is a red flag for airlines and your prospective employer will likely assume you are a difficult employee, unable to work in a team or take intruction and side with your former employer.

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#### Question # 2

Do you work well within a team?

#### Answer:-

Some people are thrown when they are asked this Social Services Resource Manager question when they are applying for a position to work alone. Every company works as a team, so you are a good team player, give an example of when you have worked well within a team.

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#### Question #3

Tell me about a time when you had to think strategically?

#### Answer:

There was a time when I was told I had to get rid of 20% of my people. I had to determine which persons I needed the most by determining who could do what. I had to put aside personal feelings so that I could keep a working crew to handle he same workload with less people.

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#### Question # 4

Tell me about a time you failed?

#### Answer:

Everyone has failed, so don't play dumb or claim you've never messed up As Social Services Resource Manager. Think of a time when a work-related situation didn't turn out quite as you had hoped. An interviewer is interested in seeing how you took responsibility for your failure, what you learned from it, and how you would prevent similar failures from happening again.

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#### Question # 5

What have you done to improve your knowledge As Social Services Resource Manager in the last year?

#### Answer:-

Try to include improvement activities that relate to the job As Social Services Resource Manager. A wide variety of activities can be mentioned as positive self-improvement. Have some good ones handy to mention.

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#### Question # 6

Where do you see your career in five years As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer:-

I would like to retire from this company. I would like to make a difference in the company whether in the company or any other position or area of the company As Social Services Resource Manager.

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#### Question #7

How many tennis balls can you fit into a limousine? 1,000? 10,000? 100,000? Seriously?

#### Answer-

Well, seriously, you might get asked brainteaser questions like these, especially in quantitative jobs. But remember that the interviewer doesn't necessarily want an exact number-he wants to make sure that you understand what's being asked of you, and that you can set into motion a systematic and logical way to respond. So, just take a deep breath, and start thinking through the math. (Yes, it's OK to ask for a pen and paper!)

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#### Question #8

How would your former employer describe you?

#### Answer:-

In all likelihood, the interviewer will actually speak with your former employer so honesty is key. Answer as confidently and positively as possible and list all of the positive things your past employer would recognize about you. Do not make the mistake of simply saying you are responsible, organized, and dependable. Instead, include traits that are directly related to your work as a medical assistant, such as the ability to handle stressful situations and difficult patients, the way you kept meticulous records, and more.

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#### Question #9

If you were an animal, which one would you want to be?

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Seemingly random personality-test type questions like these come up in interviews generally because hiring managers want to see how you can think on your feet. There's no wrong answer here, but you'll immediately gain bonus points if your answer helps you share your strengths or personality or connect with the hiring manager. Pro tip: Come up with a stalling tactic to buy yourself some thinking time, such as saying, "Now, that is a great question. I think I would have to say..."

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#### Question # 10

What are your salary requirements As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer-

The #1 rule of answering this question is doing your research on what you should be paid by using site like Global Guideline. You'll likely come up with a range, and we recommend stating the highest number in that range that applies, based on your experience, education, and skills. Then, make sure the hiring manager knows that you're flexible. You're communicating that you know your skills are valuable, but that you want the job and are willing to negotiate.

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#### Question # 11

What do you already know about our company?

#### Answer:

Good reputation of a large home grown company that has various departments and product.

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#### Question # 12

What other companies are you interviewing with?

#### Answer:-

Companies ask this for a number of reasons, from wanting to see what the competition is for you to sniffing out whether you're serious about the industry. "Often the best approach is to mention that you are exploring a number of other similar options in the company's industry,". It can be helpful to mention that a common characteristic of all the jobs you are applying to is the opportunity to apply some critical abilities and skills that you possess. For example, you might say 'I am applying for several positions with IT consulting firms where I can analyze client needs and translate them to development teams in order to find solutions to technology problems.'

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#### Question # 13

What's a time you disagreed with a decision that was made at work?

#### Answer:-

Everyone disagrees with the boss from time to time, but in asking this interview question As Social Services Resource Manager, hiring managers want to know that you can do so in a productive, professional way. "You don't want to tell the story about the time when you disagreed but your boss was being a jerk and you just gave in to keep the peace. And you don't want to tell the one where you realized you were wrong,". Tell the one where your actions made a positive difference on the outcome of the situation, whether it was a work-related outcome or a more effective and productive working relationship.

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#### Question # 14

Why were you fired?

#### Answer:

OK, if you get the admittedly much tougher follow-up question as to why you were let go (and the truth isn't exactly pretty), your best bet is to be honest (the job-seeking world is small, after all). But it doesn't have to be a deal-breaker. Share how you've grown and how you approach your job and life now as a result. If you can position the learning experience as an advantage for this next job, even better.



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#### Question #15

Explain an occasion when you had to adapt in the face of a difficult situation?

#### Answer:-

One of the most useful interview tactics is to remain positive about your work and achievements. This question lets the candidate draw on their own personal history to show how they have been positive and successful in the face of difficulties. Choose a specific occasion to describe, rather than dealing with generic platitudes.

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#### Question # 16

Give me an example of an emergency situation that you faced. How did you handle it?

#### Answer:-

There was a time when one of my employers faced the quitting of a manager in another country. I was asked to go fill in for him while they found a replacement and stay to train that person. I would be at least 30 days. I quickly accepted because I knew that my department couldn't function without me.

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#### Question # 17

Have you got any questions?

#### Answer:-

This is your final opportunity to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job. Now is not the time to ask questions about holidays, pay or pensions - all these things can be asked later when you get an offer of employment. Now is the time to ask about any reservations that the interviewer may have about your suitability for the role. You will then give yourself one last chance to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job.

Example Thank you. I think we have covered everything. Before we finish the interview I would like to take the opportunity to ask if you have any reservations about my suitability for this role?

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#### Question # 18

How do you handle stressful situations?

#### Answer:-

By remaining calm, weighing out all my options and executing a plan to get the situation resolve .

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#### Question # 19

How do you plan to go by an example for your subordinates?

#### Answer:

Sticking to the rules by yourself, working hard and not mind participating on basic tasks is a good answer.

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#### Question # 20

How would you motivate your team members to produce the best possible results?

#### Answer:-

Trying to create competitive atmosphere, trying to motivate the team as a whole, organizing team building activities, building good relationships amongst people.

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#### Question # 21

How would you rate your communication and interpersonal skills for this job As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer:-

These are important for support workers. But they differ from the communication skills of a CEO or a desktop support technician. Communication must be adapted to the special ways and needs of the clients. Workers must be able to not only understand and help their clients, but must project empathy and be a warm, humane presence in their lives.

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#### Question # 22

What does quality work mean to you?

#### Answer:

Quality work to be is about doing work to the require or set standard, which is very important when it comes to warehouse operations.

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#### Question # 23

What is your greatest weakness As Social Services Resource Manager? What are you doing to improve it?

#### Answer:-

I believe my biggest weakness As Social Services Resource Manager is wanting to help anyone I can help. What I mean is I am willing to take on task that are not my



job. I want to learn all I can. However, that has helped me get promoted or even asked to help in times of need in other department. I have been know as the "go to person" when help is needed.

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#### Question # 24

Where do you see yourself professionally five years from now As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer:-

Demonstrate both loyalty and ambition in the answer to this question. After sharing your personal ambition, it may be a good time to ask the interviewer if your ambitions match those of the company.

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#### Question # 25

Why are you leaving your current job?

#### Answer:-

This is a toughie, but one you can be sure you'll be asked. Definitely keep things positive-you have nothing to gain by being negative about your past employers. Instead, frame things in a way that shows that you're eager to take on new opportunities and that the role you're interviewing for is a better fit for you than your current or last position. For example, "I'd really love to be part of product development from beginning to end, and I know I'd have that opportunity here." And if you were let go? Keep it simple: "Unfortunately, I was let go," is a totally OK answer.

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#### Question # 26

Are you planning to continue your studies and training As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer-

If asked about plans for continued education, companies typically look for applicants to tie independent goals with the aims of the employer. Interviewers consistently want to see motivation to learn and improve. Continuing education shows such desires, especially when potentials display interests in academia potentially benefiting the company.

Answering in terms of "I plan on continuing my studies in the technology field," when offered a question from a technology firm makes sense. Tailor answers about continued studies specific to desired job fields. Show interest in the industry and a desire to work long-term in said industry. Keep answers short and to the point, avoiding diatribes causing candidates to appear insincere.

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#### Question # 27

How do you keep each member of the team involved and motivated?

#### Answer:

Many managers mistakenly think that money is the prime motivator for their employees. However, according to surveys by several different companies, money is consistently ranked five or lower by most employees. So if money is not the best way to motivate your team, what is? Employees' three most important issues according to employees are:

- \* Respect
- \* A sense of accomplishment
- \* Recognition

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#### Question # 28

What five words would be describe you as Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer:-

The hiring manager requests this of you because she wants to know more about your individual personality. This list can reveal a lot to her about who you are and how you might fit into the workplace. Your answer also gives the manager an indication of your self-perception, which is a good indicator of the type of employee you will be.

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#### Question # 29

Do you consider yourself successful?

#### Answer:-

You should always answer yes to this question. Briefly explain why without going on and on. If you communicate that you're more successful than you really are you may come off as arrogant or unrealistic. A goof explanation is that you have set professional goals and that you have met some of these goals and are on track to meet more in the near future.

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#### Question #30

What has disappointed you about a previous job?

#### Answer:

Again, this question could get you in trouble so tread carefully. Some good answers might be that your previous job didn't provide any room for growth, that you were laid off due to a mandatory reduction in staff, that they closed their office in your state and required you to relocate, etc. Make sure not to mention anything negative about the people you worked with, the company in general or the job itself.

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#### Question #31

How do you measure success?

There may be several good answers. Some include: you're able to set realistic, yet aggressive goals that push you and you're able to achieve them, you go the extra mile on all projects, client satisfaction is high, your boss is elated at your performance on all projects, etc.

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#### Question # 32

If you were hiring a person for this job As Social Services Resource Manager, what would you look for?

Discuss qualities you possess required to successfully complete the job duties.

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#### Question # 33

Tell us something about yourself?

#### Answer:-

Bad Answer: Candidates who ramble on about themselves without regard for information that will actually help the interviewer make a decision, or candidates who actually provide information showing they are unfit for the job.

Good answer: An answer that gives the interviewer a glimpse of the candidate's personality, without veering away from providing information that relates to the job. Answers should be positive, and not generic.

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#### Question # 34

Top 17 Behavioral Interview Questions As Social Services Resource Manager:

Behavioral interviews As Social Services Resource Manager where popularized by industrial psychologists in the 1970s, and have been used at big companies like AT&T. The idea behind them is that past responses to situations are the best predictor of how candidates will respond in the future.

- 1. Tell me about a time you faced a conflict while working as part of a team.
- 2. Talk about a goal you set for yourself. What did you do to make sure you met the goal?
- 3. Give an example of a time when you had to work with someone with a very different personality from yours.
- 4. Talk about an instance where you wish you'd handled a situation differently with a team member.
- 5. What's the most difficult problem you have had to solve As Social Services Resource Manager?
- 6. Give an example of how you handled a situation where you needed information from a colleague who wasn't responsive.
- 7. Talk about a time when you had problems building a relationship with a key team member. What did you do? 8. Tell me about an instance when it was important to make a great impression on a client. What did you do?
- 9. Tell me about a situation where you had to work with a difficult client.
- 10. Tell me about a situation where you disappointed a client, and how you tried to fix it. 11. Talk about a time when you had to strategize to meet all your obligations.
- 12. Talk about a time when you failed at something. How did you react?
- 13. Talk about a time you took on a leadership role.
- 14. Tell me about a long-term project you oversaw. How did you keep it focused and on schedule?
- 15. Talk about a time when you were under a lot of stress. What caused it, and how did you manage?
- 16. Do you prefer to work alone or with others As Social Services Resource Manager?
- 17. Tell me about a time when you were overwhelmed by the amount of work on your agenda. How did you handle it?

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#### Question # 35

Your coworker highlights your mistakes in front of everyone, how do you handle the situation?

Admit to the mistake without being emotional, but then discuss how you are being proactive in getting it fixed. Lastly, pull the co-worker aside later on to tell them that you'd appreciate it if they gave you the feedback 1:1 first before throwing you under the bus.

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#### Question # 36

You are not given the tools you need to be successful. How would you change that As Social Services Resource Manager?

State a business case to your manager / leader as to why you need the tools and make the request for them.

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#### Question # 37

Describe a time when you put your needs aside to help a co-worker understand a task. How did you assist them? What was the result?

The key is to show that the mentoring of a co-worker was first a higher priority than the task you had at hand (remember, you want to show that you focus on highest priority tasks first). Then, describe in detail how you helped them not only complete the task but learn to do it on their own. You want to teach them HOW to fish and not to simply fish for them.

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#### Question #38

Give me an example of a time when you set a goal and were able to meet or achieve it?

#### Answer-

Show that you set great goals and the process and steps you took to achieve it. Details really matter here.

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#### Question #39

What motivates you to work As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer-

Describe what makes you passionate about the work. It could be the company's vision, the product, your desire to succeed, the clients, your peers and so on. They key is to first understand what internally motivates you to do your job and then to emphasize that in a positive way

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#### Question # 40

How do you stay up to date with industry?

#### Answer:-

Discuss how you stay up to date by reading industry specific sites, magazines, and Google / yahoo news. Also make sure you stay up to date by reading the current news on the company's website.

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#### Question #41

What do you feel you deserve to be paid?

#### Answer:-

Do your research before answering this question - first, consider what the market average is for this job. You can find that by searching on Google (title followed by salary) and globalguideline.com and other websites. Then, consider this - based on your work experience and previous results, are you above average, if yes, by what % increase from your pay today from your perspective? Also - make sure if you aim high you can back it up with facts and your previous results so that you can make a strong case.

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#### Question # 42

What is your ideal working environment?

#### Answer:-

Describe your ideal working environment. Do you like flexibility with work hours? Do you like working in a cubicle or independently? Do you like to be micro managed or empowered? Do you like to work on your own or in a team? Do you like being driven by metrics in your role? How much responsibility do you want?

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## Question # 43

What types of situations do you consider "unfixable"?

#### Answer:-

Most situations are "fixable" - the ones that are not are typically related to business ethics (someone is cheating the company, someone is stealing, etc)

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#### Question # 44

Do you value recognition or pay more? Why?

#### Answer:-

Either preference is fine, but just remember you have to be able to explain why. If you say recognition, then back that up by describing how achievement really carries weight with you and how you like to feel valued in the work that you do because it validates that you're helping your teammates / customers and so forth. If you choose money, you can also explain that is important to you as validation and you can highlight how money is important to you because of your goals (financial security, providing for your family, and so forth). The key is to be authentic with your answer. However, if you say you value pay more because you're greedy - know that doesn't align usually to most company's values/vision.

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#### Question #45

What are your presentation skills like As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer:

Make sure you share a story that demonstrates your presentation skills in front of many people. If you are really brave, offer to give a snippet of that presentation to the interviewer. This will definitely be different from what most people do.

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#### Question # 46

How would you define success?

#### Answer:-

Success is defined differently for everybody. Just make sure the parameters are defined by you with regards to work life balance, financial gain, career growth,



achievements, creating meaningful work / products and so forth. If you can clearly articulate what it means to you that is a strong answer.

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#### Question # 47

Give me an example of when you competed hard and won?

#### Answer:

You can reference many different areas here when discussing a story of where you won in competition: Work experience (ideal), sports, clubs, classes, projects.

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#### Question # 48

How good are you at problem solving?

#### Answer:-

Describe the problem first and then discuss how you were able to fix it.

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#### Question # 49

Describe to me a time where you had to make a hard decision As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer.

Hard decisions are hard for a reason. It could dramatically effect the company. It could affect other workers. So if you have a story about how you made a hard decision and had a good outcome, share that. If you have one where the outcome wasn't great, explain how you would have changed the way you approached the decision to show you learned how to improve.

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#### Question #50

How well do you multi-task?

#### Answer:-

Multi-tasking is an important part of most jobs. You want to show that you're good at it but not overwhelmed with it. So discuss just a few things you can multi-task well on - for example: "I'm good at multi tasking between work email and working on projects As Social Services Resource Manager and the reason it because I'm good at prioritizing my work emails.

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#### Question # 51

What are the goals you've set for yourself?

#### Answer:-

You could discuss your goals with regards to these categories: Career goals, impact you want to leave on society, financial goals, academic goals, charitable goals.

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#### Question # 52

What three character traits would your friends use to describe you?

#### Answer:-

Friends would typically use attributes like (assuming you have these): Trustworthy, honest, hardworking, friendly, courageous, nice, diligent, organized and so forth. Not saying you have all of these, but the best way for you to find out is to survey your friends by asking them what they consider your brand to be.

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#### Question #53

What kind of car do you drive?

#### Answer:-

The only time this might matter is if the job requires a certain type of car because of the responsibilities. For example, if you need to load a lot of construction materials into your car, you'll probably need a truck.

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#### Question # 54

How long will it take for you to make a significant contribution?

#### Answer:

First define significant contribution - once you do that - lay out a timeline plan in which you think you can achieve that.

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#### Question # 55

What do you know about this department?

#### Answer:-

One good way to find out about the department is to try to "informally" interview the existing employees over coffee (outside of the office) if possible. It's hard if you don't have any connections there, but if you do a great way to learn about it. Other than that, it's often hard to learn about the department so you can turn the table



back on them by asking questions to learn about it.

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#### Question #56

Does your boss know you're here today?

#### Answer:

Usually, you probably haven't told your boss for obvious reasons. So it's ok to say that they do not. You don't want to upset the balance at your current job after all and nothing is guaranteed in an interview. The interviewer should understand this stance.

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#### Question # 57

How do you take "No" for an answer?

#### Answer.

You want to be persistent enough to understand why someone is saying no so that you could potentially convince them otherwise with a sound reason. However, if they are still saying "no" to you, then you need to humbly accept their position and move on.

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#### Question # 58

How do you continue learning on a daily basis? Why is continuous improvement necessary As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer:-

You can learn on the job, through books and magazines, through social networks, blogs, seminars, mentors and so on. Continuous improvement is important because the one thing in life that is constant is change. And you have to continue to push yourself day in and day out to be the best.

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#### Question # 59

What would you like to avoid completely in your next job As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer-

Bad business ethics, teammates / managers that are disrespectful / inconsiderate. But of course, this job wouldn't have things like this right?

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#### Question # 60

How do you decide what to delegate and to whom?

#### Answer:

Identify the strengths of your team members and their availability based on the priorities they have on their plate. From there, invest the tasks upon each member based on where you think you'll get the best return.

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#### Question # 61

What makes you a good manager?

#### Answer:-

Describe how you manage people, time, money and energy in the most effective manner to achieve the best return of that investment.

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#### Question # 62

How will you approach learning this "new" job As Social Services Resource Manager?

#### Answer:-

Interview peers and leaders/managers, read industry news, practice the skill sets needed, absorb information on the job as much as possible.

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#### Question # 63

When was the last time something upset you at work? What did you do?

#### Answer:

Almost everyone has an emotional moment related to work at some point - you're not alone. The key is to learn why you reacted that way and to focus not on the problem but HOW to resolve it. Another key component is to be aware of your emotional response so that you can learn to control it in the future in a calm way.

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