**Community Specialist**

A community specialist is a person who has a degree, special training and knowledge in providing support in their particular area of expertise. The service includes professional observation and assessment, individualized program design and implementation and consultation with your employees. This service may also include advocating for you and assisting you in locating and accessing specialized services and supports.

A community specialist can be used when specialized supports are needed to assist you in achieving outcomes specified in the ISP such as:

 \_enhance self-direction

 \_independent living skills

 \_community integration

 \_social, leisure and recreational skills

 \_nurse delegation

 \_contributing to the development of a positive behavior support plan

Community Specialist\* pre-employment training requirements include one of the following education and experience requirements:

 \_Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university plus one year experience

 \_Registered Nurse (with an active license in good standing, issued by the Missouri State Board of Nursing)

 \_Associate’s degree from an accredited university or college plus three years of experience.