

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Lawyers Fostering Independence Program –Managing Attorney

The Center for Children & Youth Justice is seeking applicants for a six month contract position of Managing Attorney for the Lawyers Fostering Independence Program in Washington State.

The mission of the LFI Program is to provide access to pro bono legal services for foster youth between 17 and 23 years old transitioning out of foster care. The Program recruits and trains pro bono attorneys to staff cases, provides a monthly free legal clinic for eligible youth, offers youth and caseworkers training on basic legal rights and empowers youth to advocate for themselves.

The Managing Attorney is responsible for managing and developing the LFI program including:

- a. Managing the referral process and case intake
- b. Assigning cases to pro bono counsel and monitoring those cases.
- c. Providing case support to pro bono counsel.
- d. Engaging in outreach to youth and youth service providers to inform them of the program.
- e. Providing education to youth and youth service providers on legal issues to enable issue spotting for legally resolvable problems.
- f. Managing and staffing the once monthly legal clinic.
- g. Recruiting and training pro bono counsel in regular CLE sessions.
- h. Maintaining a team of expert attorneys to act as mentors to the pro bono counsel.
- i. Partnering with other organizations to provide further clinic and legal education opportunities for youth.
- j. Developing a plan for replicating the program statewide.
- k. Drafting grant applications for continued funding of the Program.

The LFI Managing Attorney works under direction of the Center for Children & Youth Justice Managing Director. The position is a contract position at \$35/hour, with an expected but flexible workload of 15-20 hours per week. A bus pass is provided. The term of the contract is 6 months.

Minimum Qualifications

- Juris Doctor; and
- A minimum of 2 years of experience in juvenile justice, child welfare, education, public or court administration or other related fields;

Candidates must also have:

- Excellent organizational and administrative skills including the ability to lead a program independently;
- A demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of people in a professional manner; and
- Working knowledge of Word for Windows, Excel, E-mail and the Internet.
- Grant writing experience is a plus.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of application, resume, and addresses of three professional references by April 22, 2009 **via email** to:

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