



National Center for Youth Law

Job Announcement – FosterEd-Juvenile Justice Attorney

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The National Center for Youth Law (NCYL) (www.youthlaw.org) is a non-profit organization that for more than four decades has used the law to ensure that low-income children have the resources, support, and opportunities they need for a fair start in life. NCYL's primary areas of focus are child welfare, juvenile justice, and health/mental health.

FosterEd (www.foster-ed.org) is a NCYL initiative aimed at improving the educational outcomes of children and youth in the State's care. FosterEd operates in Arizona, California, Indiana, and New Mexico and strives to ensure that every foster child has an educational champion and an education team supporting his or her success in school.

Position

NCYL seeks an attorney to lead projects aimed at improving the educational outcomes of probation-involved youth. The work will focus on serving youth who have been adjudicated delinquent and remain under the jurisdiction of the probation agency, but are not in a locked facility. The attorney will be supervised by NCYL attorneys with expertise in juvenile justice and foster youth education.

The attorney's primary responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Adapting FosterEd's model, strategies, program materials, and technology tools to meet the needs of probation-involved youth;
- Partnering with state and local agency partners to implement programs serving probation-involved youth;
- Developing measurable project objectives and detailed workplans; and
- Ensuring implementation of program goals and outcomes.

This job will not involve providing direct legal representation to juveniles.

Required qualifications:

- Law degree
- Ability to work with probation, child welfare, education, and judicial agencies, and with at-risk youth and their families; to manage complex projects; to pay close attention to details and manage multiple assignments; and to work in a fast-paced nonprofit environment

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- Excellent writing, speaking, and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of at-risk youth

Desired Qualifications

- An understanding of the education, child welfare, probation, and juvenile court systems
- Significant experience working with the juvenile probation system and/or the juvenile court system
- Experience forming and participating in cross-system collaborative teams; working directly with at-risk children and youth; and working with data

Salary and Benefits

This is a full-time, 3-year position. The attorney will be headquartered in NCYL's Oakland offices, but will require regular travel both within California and to project sites in Arizona and New Mexico. Salary is based on experience and is comparable to similar organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area. NCYL provides health, dental, life, and long-term disability insurance, vacation benefits, and an employer contribution to a retirement plan.

Applications

Position open until filled. Please mail or email a cover letter, resume, three professional references, and salary requirements to:

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