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TEAMCHILD YAKIMA OFFICE FULL-TIME STAFF ATTORNEY

TEAMCHILD: TeamChild is a nonprofit civil legal services organization in Washington State with offices in King, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane and Yakima Counties. Valuing the potential in all young people, TeamChild is a voice for those facing tremendous obstacles due to poverty, racism, disability, homelessness, neglect, abuse and other difficult circumstances. TeamChild's work focuses on helping youth involved in the juvenile justice system assert their right to education, mental and medical health treatment, and safe living situations. The program has been recognized nationally for its innovation and effective engagement of young people who might otherwise fall through the cracks. For more information, visit www.teamchild.org.

STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION: TeamChild is seeking a full-time staff attorney in our Yakima office. Primary job duties include providing holistic civil legal representation to youth who are at risk of or already involved in the juvenile justice system. Advocacy involves breaking down legal barriers to a wide array of community based services and supports, including but not limited to education, housing, health care services, and other civil rights issues. The staff attorney is also responsible for other advocacy activities including partnering with local public defenders on behalf of common clients, community training, outreach, and policy work on behalf of our client base.

YAKIMA OFFICE: TeamChild's Yakima office is a small but vibrant and busy hub for youth advocacy in the Yakima Valley serving hundreds of youth throughout a geographically and culturally diverse community since 1997. The Staff Attorney will work with an experienced Paralegal/Office Manager as part of a two person team on site in our Yakima office. This Yakima team is further supported by the statewide support team that is based in our Seattle office, as well as an experienced staff of TeamChild lawyers and program assistants across the state.

QUALIFICATIONS: We are seeking candidates who are committed to social justice and are passionate legal advocates for young people. Candidates should work well both independently and as a team member, be respectful and open to working with people from diverse backgrounds, enjoy creative problem solving, and value the creation of relationships across disciplines. Additional qualifications include:

- Exceptional legal skills, preferably in the relevant areas of law (school discipline/special education, public health care, public benefits, re-entry issues, delinquency, child welfare, or other areas of youth related law);
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills;
- Proficiency in Spanish language (listening, speaking, and written skills) strongly preferred;
- Member in good standing of the Washington State Bar Association or eligible for reciprocity;
- Experience working with young people, especially 12-18 year olds;
- Demonstrated competence in working with diverse clients and communities;
- Willingness and ability to travel for outreach and meetings;
- Strong organizational, technology and project management skills;

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- Demonstrated ability to collaborate effectively with other advocates and social service providers;
- Sense of humor a plus.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary dependent upon experience. Generous benefits included.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Mail or email your letter of interest and resume to: Maria Muto, Program Assistant, TeamChild, 1225 South Weller St., Suite 420, Seattle, WA 98144 or jobs@teamchild.org.
- Position is open until filled with a flexible start date, but applicants are strongly urged to apply as soon as possible.
- Questions? Call Hillary Behrman, Legal Director at (206) 322-2444, ext. 105.

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