



## Special Education/Early Intervention Attorney

The Alliance for Children's Rights is seeking a dedicated Education Program Attorney to work in the Saltz Family Early Intervention Advocacy Center at the Alliance. The attorney will assist children ages 0 - 5 living in out-of-home care to secure early intervention and special education services through the regional centers and school districts. The Alliance is a nonprofit legal services organization devoted to protecting the rights of abused and impoverished children in Los Angeles County. Established in 1992, the organization is well-known and well-respected, and has served more than 100,000 children. The Education Program Attorney position is a wonderful opportunity for a well-qualified candidate to secure the benefits and services that these young children need to succeed in school and in life.

### Responsibilities include:

- Represent clients in regional centers and school district meetings including IFSPs/IEPs, informal dispute resolution, mediations, due process administrative hearings.
- Train and supervise *pro bono* attorneys, interns and law clerks.
- Develop and update special education/early intervention materials for clients and the community; conduct community outreach and trainings.
- Coordinate services with social workers, children's attorneys and the juvenile court to ensure appropriate early intervention services for children in foster care.
- Represent the Alliance at early education related policy meetings; identify trends and advocate to change/implement policies to improve early intervention services.
- Perform additional administrative duties, including data entry and filing.

### Qualifications:

- CA bar admission plus 3-5 years of experience.
- Experience in regional center/school district special education advocacy, foster care, Dependency Court and/or child welfare system strongly preferred.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills - ability to communicate effectively with clients, attorneys, child welfare agencies, the judiciary and the public.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Desire to help others.
- Bilingual (Spanish) highly preferable.

The applicant must have the ability to work independently and handle multiple tasks simultaneously in a fast-paced environment. Salary is commensurate with experience. Benefits include generous health, dental, and life insurance plans, as well as vacation and sick leave policies

**The position will be open until it is filled. However, resumes will be reviewed upon receipt and well-qualified applicants will be invited to interview right away. Please send your cover letter and resume (no calls, please) via email to JoAnn Parrilla [j.parrilla@kids-alliance.org](mailto:j.parrilla@kids-alliance.org)**

The Alliance believes that all persons are entitled to equal employment opportunities and does not discriminate because of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or medical condition. For more information on the organization please visit our website at [kids-alliance.org](http://kids-alliance.org).