



## Special Education/Early Intervention Attorney

### POSITION SUMMARY:

The Alliance for Children's Rights is seeking a dedicated Education Program Attorney to provide special education and/or early intervention advocacy for children. The attorney will assist foster children and education rights holders to secure early intervention and special education services through regional centers and school districts. The Education Program Attorney position is a wonderful opportunity for a well-qualified candidate to secure the benefits and services that these children need to succeed in school and in life.

### ABOUT THE ALLIANCE:

The Alliance for Children's Rights protects the rights of impoverished, abused and neglected children and youth. Our lawyers, advocates and social workers, together with hundreds of pro bono attorneys and community volunteers, ensure that children have safe, permanent homes and can access the healthcare, education and financial supports that they need. We also help transition-age youth achieve self-sufficiency, and work statewide to improve child welfare practices and policies in order to remove the many barriers our clients face. Since 1992, we have helped over 150,000 children.

Charity Navigator has awarded the Alliance its highest 4-star rating for the past seven years in a row. This puts the Alliance in the top 3% of charities in the U.S. rated by Charity Navigator. The 4-star rating reflects the Alliance's sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.

The Alliance is well known in the child welfare community for its knowledge, expertise, and accomplishments. Alliance staff members and pro bono attorneys are advocates for children who are impoverished, abused and neglected. Being the voice of children who often have no voice, and otherwise could be forgotten, is incredibly rewarding.

### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSABILITIES:

- 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 and/or 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 special education and/or early intervention services for youth in foster care, who may range in age from birth through 21.
- Represent the Alliance at education related policy meetings; identify trends and advocate to implement policies to improve special education and/or early intervention services.
- Perform additional administrative duties, including client record keeping.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- California bar admission plus 2-5 years of experience.
- Experience in regional center or school district special education advocacy, and/or administrative due process/litigation highly preferable.
- Experience with children in foster care, Dependency Court and/or child welfare system
- 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.
- Bilingual Spanish language skills 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 health, dental, and life insurance plans, as well as vacation and sick leave policies.

The Alliance for Children's Rights believes that all persons are entitled to equal employment opportunities and does not discriminate against its employees or applicants because of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, or marital status.

The above statements are of a general nature and are intended to describe level of work being performed by people assigned to comparable positions. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and duties required of personnel so classified.

The Alliance for Children's Rights offers a competitive salary and benefits. For more information about the Alliance visit [kids-alliance.org](http://kids-alliance.org).

**TO APPLY:** Submit a resume, along with a cover letter to (no calls, please):  
Jill Rowland at [J.Rowland@kids-alliance.org](mailto:J.Rowland@kids-alliance.org)

**The position will be open until it is filled. However, cover letters and resumes will be reviewed upon receipt and well-qualified applicants will be invited to interview right away.**