



Special Education/Early Intervention Attorney

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 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 nearly 150,000 children. 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.

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 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 (or anticipated admission)
- 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 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 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. Please send your cover letter and resume (no calls, please) via email to Jill Rowland at J.Rowland@kids-alliance.org.

The Alliance believes that all persons are entitled to equal employment opportunity and does not discriminate because of race, religion, sex, gender, 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.