PEER ADVOCATE HOUSING SPECIALIST
JOB DESCRIPTION

Join Children’s Law Center of California (CLC) and become part of an amazing team of advocates supporting children and youth in foster care. CLC is the largest children’s legal services organization in the nation, serving 33,000 clients in the Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Placer County child welfare systems.

CLC is currently seeking a Peer Advocate Housing Specialist to advocate for youth and young adults experiencing or facing imminent homelessness to ensure their access to safe, secure, and appropriate housing while under the jurisdiction of the dependency court and as they become independent. The need for housing support is greater than ever due to the COVID-19 crisis. The path to permanent, supportive housing is different for each client, and the process is difficult to navigate. In this new role, you will be an integral part of a dynamic team working collaboratively to help youth enter adulthood ready to take the next step toward higher education, employment, or providing a safe home for themselves and/or their own young family.

The Peer Advocate Housing Specialist will work closely with CLC’s transition age youth (TAY) clients, particularly those youth who are young adults in foster care (known as Non-Minor Dependents or “NMDs”) and their attorneys, helping to ensure youth have access to the necessary resources and services to prepare for life after foster care. In addition, the Peer Advocate will work directly with our TAY clients outside of the courtroom and in the community, collaborating with a cross sector of child welfare, housing, workforce, education, and other community and county agencies in support of CLC clients.

Qualifications:

- Former Foster Youth
- At least 18 years of age
- Clearance of criminal background check
- Must possess a high school diploma or GED
- Willingness and ability to travel
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Proactive and a ‘team player’
- Ability and desire to communicate with and represent CLC to various community, stakeholder, and system entities
- Ability to communicate effectively and clearly with CLC management, CLC staff, youth, caregivers, and service providers
- Have a valid California driver’s license, reliable automobile, and automobile insurance as required by California law
- Must be able to provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination status

To Apply:

Applicants must apply directly on CLC’s website www.clccal.org/employment. Applications received through any other site or method will not be considered. Please include a detailed cover letter indicating why you are interested in and qualified for this position. Resumes submitted without a cover letter will not be considered.
A valid driver’s license and reliable automobile auto insurance are required at all times while working for Children’s Law Center.

Children’s Law Center is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, age, or gender identity, or any other characteristic protected by law. Full vaccination status for COVID-19 is a condition of employment.