

**Position: Director of Pro Bono Partnerships**

**Immigrant Children’s Justice Project**

The Center for Children’s Advocacy (CCA), the largest children’s rights organization in New England, seeks a dynamic attorney for the position of Director of Pro Bono Partnerships. CCA is a non-profit organization dedicated to enforcing the legal rights of low-income children. More information about the Center can be found on CCA’s website: www.cca-ct.org.

This opening is for a part-time attorney who will have the opportunity to increase access to free legal representation for undocumented children and youth in Connecticut who are eligible for special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), by developing and managing partnerships with pro bono attorneys. The attorney will:

* Partner with law firms, local bar associations and corporate legal departments to recruit attorneys from the private bar to represent undocumented children and youth in state probate, juvenile and family courts to obtain findings supporting a claim for SIJS, and in immigration court in removal proceedings and SIJS claims.
* Collaborate with other legal services providers to establish and troubleshoot referral mechanisms for undocumented children and youth, and for pro bono attorneys.
* Provide or ensure the provision of training in SIJS representation and deportation defense to pro bono attorneys.
* Develop and maintain relationships with social service, health care, education and immigrant advocacy organizations and educate those partners about SIJS and when an immigrant child or youth should be referred to CCA for screening.
* Accept referrals of children and youth from partners, conduct screening of undocumented children and youth to determine eligibility for SIJS, assign cases to pro bono attorneys and follow up to ensure that the pro bono attorney connects with the referred child or youth.
* Provide or ensure the provision of technical assistance to the Project’s pro bono attorneys and ensure access to interpretation and translation services as necessary.
* Work with a consultant to identify best practices in pro bono partnerships, apply best practices to CCA’s pro bono partnerships and develop and implement a periodic internal evaluation of the pro bono partnerships.
* Collaborate with CCA’s Communications Director to produce attorney training materials and legal information materials for youth and community providers.

**Fighting for the legal rights of Connecticut’s most vulnerable children**

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* Develop a pro bono manual documenting the project’s procedures, policies and best practices.
* Supervise a part-time paralegal.

Candidates should have:

* Cultural competence and experience with children and youth of color.
* A demonstrated deep commitment to social justice and racial justice.
* Excellent interpersonal, communication, and writing skills.
* Strong organizational skills.
* Ability to work independently and as a member of a team.
* Two or more years of related experience.

Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience and are within the general range of salaries for public interest organizations.

To apply, email **cover letter and detailed resume** to Martha Stone at mstone@cca-ct.org.

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