



JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CLC MENTAL HEALTH ATTORNEY

The primary duties of the Mental Health Attorney include, but are not limited to:

1. Assist attorneys with client's mental health related issues by providing expert assistance, consultation and research.
2. Make referrals to outside mental health experts to provide confidential mental health evaluations.
3. Act as a liaison between the Mental Health Clinician, the Mental Health Specialist and CLC attorneys regarding the provision of appropriate mental health services for CLC clients.
4. Consult with CLC attorneys related to available services and recommendations, assessments and screenings, and other necessary mental health planning.
5. Assist in the development of the CLC attorney resource library focusing on mental health issues and services.
6. Collaborate with CLC 241.1 attorneys to advocate for interventions for crossover and at-risk youth.
7. Participate in CLC ongoing policy work directly with the CLC Policy Director by identification of systemic issues related to mental health.
8. Review client files, consult with Mental Health Clinician and Specialist, and develop plan for mental health advocacy and services.
9. Participate in outside community meetings to enhance knowledge of community resources and services for clients with mental health issues.
10. At attorney's request, attend IEPs, TDMs, 241.1 hearings and other case-related conferences to address client's mental health issues and concerns.
11. Participate/facilitate firm participation in conservatorship hearings in Department 95.
12. Performs other duties as requested by the CLC Policy Director and Executive Director.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A current CLC staff attorney with a Juris Doctor degree who is a member in good standing of the California State Bar. Demonstrated competence in representation of child clients in dependency law. Strong desire to increase knowledge about mental health law and mental health-related matters. Prior mental health training or experience is helpful but not necessary.

Excellent interpersonal skills, ability to represent CLC before representatives from other organizations and institutions. Ability to effectively and clearly communicate knowledge and information gained from representatives of other organizations and institutions to members of CLC management and staff.

An operable automobile, valid California driver's license, automobile insurance and an operable cell phone are required at all times while working for Children's Law Center.

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