



Children's Law Center of California *Excellence In Advocacy*

Peer Advocate Job Description

The Peer Advocate 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 "NMD") 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 teenage clients outside of the courtroom and in the community, collaborating with a cross sector of child welfare, workforce, educational and other community and county agencies working with transitioning age youth.

The Peer Advocate will focus on "hard to reach youth" – those who face the most barriers and are at the greatest risk of teen pregnancy and early parenthood, involvement with the criminal justice system, have experienced challenges in reaching educational goals and who lack family support.

Duties include:

- Collaborate with community organizations in helping clients prepare for job readiness and improving access and pathways to higher education
- Collaborate daily with attorneys and staff in serving and advocating for youth
- Contribute to CLC policy and programming discussions regarding TAY and NMD clients
- Represent CLC at invited community events forums and trainings.
- Immediately respond to any inquiries regarding case status from direct Investigator Supervisor
- Seek assistance from supervisors when prudent or required
- Be flexible and willing to assist other Peer Advocates as requested by supervisors
- Be professional, patient, and understanding when interacting with clients, caregivers, colleagues, and supervisors
- Possess a pleasant demeanor in the office and know how to communicate effectively with colleagues and supervisors
- Have a team player attitude and willingness to help out

Qualifications:

- Former Foster Youth.
- At least 18 years of age.
- Clearance of background check.
- Must possess a high school diploma or GED.
- Willingness and ability to travel.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Ability and desire to communicate with and represent CLC to various community, stakeholder and system entities.

- Ability to effectively and clearly communicate with CLC management and staff, youth and caregivers.
- Have a valid California driver's license, reliable automobile, and automobile insurance as required by California law.
- Have an operable mobile phone at all times while working for Children's Law Center.

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