

School-to-Prison Pipeline Legal Fellow Job Posting

Title: School-to-Prison Pipeline Legal Fellow

Organization: Advocates for Children's Services (ACS)

ACS is a statewide project of Legal Aid of North Carolina, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people. The mission of ACS is to advocate for the idea that at-risk and court-involved children are rights-bearing citizens, who are entitled to safe, permanent homes and should receive the medical and educational services promised by law. Since 2008, ACS staff have focused on ensuring that all children in North Carolina have access to a high-quality, equitable, and just public education. ACS is housed in the Durham Legal Aid office. It is staffed by four attorneys and a paralegal. For more information, visit www.legalaidnc.org/acs.

Job Description: The School-to-Prison Pipeline Legal Fellow will work with the Push Out Prevention Program (POPP). The Fellow will focus on reforming push out policies and practices in the Wake County Public School System by:

- Providing legal advice and representation--with an emphasis on impact cases--to students from low-income families who are being pushed out of public schools;
- Providing community education in the form of presentations, trainings, media outreach, and publications;
- Providing resource development and technical assistance for other attorneys and advocates providing individual advocacy for students from low-income families being pushed out of public schools; and
- Participating in relevant networks, alliances, and coalitions.

Qualifications: Required qualifications include:

- J.D. from an accredited law school;
- demonstrated commitment to public service and justice;
- strong research and writing skills;
- strong interpersonal skills; and
- experience working with low-wealth communities and communities of color.

Preferred qualifications include:

- license to practice law in North Carolina;
- fluency in Spanish; and
- experience working for education justice.

Start Date: September 2011

End Date: August 2012 (with the possibility of renewing for a second and/or third year)

Salary: \$40,100

Benefits: Benefits include full health and dental insurance, dues for the North Carolina State Bar, and membership dues for the North Carolina Bar Association.

Application Instructions: Email a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and at least three references to: Jason Langberg, Equal Justice Works Fellow, jasonl@legalaidnc.org.

Application Deadline: Sunday, August 21, 2011