

LAW FOUNDATION OF SILICON VALLEY

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

LEGAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (LACY) STAFF ATTORNEY

Program Description

Legal Advocates for Children & Youth (LACY) is a program of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley that provides pro bono legal and related social services to minors in Santa Clara County. Our mission is to advance the legal rights of minors in Santa Clara County, empowering them to lead healthy and productive lives. We listen to, advise, and advocate for our clients to ensure their voices are heard and their rights are protected. LACY seeks an attorney to provide representation and advocacy to teen victims of dating violence as part of a large federally funded collaborative. The attorney will also assist with other LACY projects as needed including the Safe Families Project, the Educational Empowerment Project, the Guardianship Project. The attorney may also provide support and representation in the areas of dependency, homeless and runaway youth, and emancipation as needed.

Job Description

The Department of Justice Violence Against Women office just awarded LACY a large federal grant for a two year project to address teen dating violence within the county. As the lead agency, LACY will be subcontracting with two other community organizations – EHC Lifebuilders and Next Door. The grant has specific goals and objectives including providing representation in court as well as education, outreach, safety planning and support for victims. The attorney will work closely with a LACY social worker to implement LACY's portion of the grant. The attorney will also have a significant role in developing and implementing the project with other community partners.

At this time, this position is part-time estimated to be 3 days a week. If additional funding is obtained, the position will be increased to full-time.

Primary Duties

- Provide representation, advocacy, and information for youth involved in domestic violence
- Collaborate with LACY social worker to implement federal grant. Assist with data gathering and reporting requirements.
- Assist in the development and implementation of grant activities.
- Deliver community education presentations to teens and community members about the project.
- Research and write manuals or fact sheets on legal issues faced by teens
- Respond to referrals from service providers
- Provide technical assistance to attorneys and service providers
- Supervise student interns
- Represent minors in other issues on as-needed basis
- Participate in general office upkeep duties, including computer data entry of intake information, filing, copying, drafting and filing court documents, and serving notice
- Maintain statistics on youth served.
- Assist in grant writing as needed.

Qualifications

- Member in good standing of the State Bar of California
- Demonstrated commitment to the rights of children & youth
- Experience in practice of youth law
- Knowledge of the dynamics of domestic violence
- Ability to identify, investigate, and resolve client problems
- Ability to work independently and be self-motivated

- _ Ability to work sensitively and productively with minors with diverse backgrounds
- _ Excellent verbal, interpersonal, writing, interviewing, and organizational skills
- _ Bi-lingual ability, particularly Spanish or Vietnamese, preferred

Salary: Depends on experience

To Apply: Send cover letter, resume, and 3 references (no calls please) as soon as possible to:

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