

Office of the Child's Representative

Legal Intern – Summer 2017

Downtown Denver, CO

Position Number: OCR17

Job Location: Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center

Release Date: January 24, 2017

Apply By: March 15, 2017 at 5:00pm

Employment Type: Unpaid, Full-Time Legal Intern

About the OCR:

The Office of the Child's Representative (OCR) is the state agency mandated to provide competent and effective best interests legal representation to children involved in the Colorado court system. OCR was created by the General Assembly in 2000 to improve representation for Colorado's most vulnerable children by establishing minimum practice standards and providing litigation support, accessible high-quality statewide training, and oversight of the practice. OCR attorneys represent the interests of children in dependency and neglect (child abuse), delinquency, domestic relations, adoption, truancy, probate, mental health, and paternity cases.

The mission of the OCR is to provide competent and effective legal representation to Colorado's children involved in the court system because they have been abused and neglected, impacted by high conflict parenting time disputes, or charged with delinquent acts and without a parent able to provide relevant information to the court or protect their best interests during the proceedings. As a state agency, the OCR is accountable to the State of Colorado to achieve this mission in the most cost-efficient manner without compromising the integrity of services or the safety and well-being of children. The OCR is committed to ensuring that children represented by its contract attorneys, Colorado's most vulnerable and marginalized population in the courts, receive the best legal services available to protect and promote their safety and well-being and to have their voice heard throughout all aspects of a case.

Job Description:

The OCR is seeking a motivated and highly organized legal intern for an internship during the summer, May to August, 2017. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to work as part of a small, dynamic state agency responsible for management and oversight of children's attorneys across the state Colorado. Responsibilities include: court observation in Dependency & Neglect and Juvenile Delinquency cases, structured interviews of youth, families, and caretakers, legal research, legal drafting, and assisting OCR staff in its attorney oversight and support functions.

How to Apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to the address below or e-mail application materials to the OCR's Deputy Director, Sheri Danz, at sheridanz@coloradochildrep.org by 5:00pm on March 15, 2017.

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