



## **Staff Attorney – Job Description**

### **Position Summary:**

The Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center is a non-profit legal organization with the mission of advocating for children and youth, driving systemic reform, and boldly challenging the status quo so that every young person who has experienced trauma or instability has the opportunity to thrive. Staff attorneys at the Children's Law Center are responsible for providing zealous advocacy and legal representation to clients involved in domestic violence, family stability, education, and young adult civil legal matters. The work of our staff attorneys also advances our organization's systemic reform efforts.

This position is primarily focused on leading our Young Adult Legal Advocacy program by providing civil legal services for young people transitioning out of foster care/juvenile justice or experiencing homelessness. The purpose of this program is to break down barriers that young people may face as they transition to adulthood. These cases may include expungement of juvenile records, name change/identification, landlord-tenant disputes, public benefits appeals, and other related areas. This position will also be responsible for building and maintaining relationships with community partners and engaging in policy work on related issues. As a member of our larger direct legal advocacy team, the position will also take cases as needed in other RMCLC program areas.

**Reports To:** Deputy Executive Director

### **Responsibilities:**

- Provide direct legal representation on civil legal matters impacting young adults (roughly ages 18 to 25), including juvenile expungement, de-registration, housing issues, name changes, public benefits, and securing identification documents.
- Consult with young adults and professionals on related issues and provide referrals when needed.
- Host legal clinics and educational trainings in partnership with other community agencies.
- Ensure knowledge of and adherence to current laws and practice requirements.
- Develop educational materials for the public on commonly experienced barriers and changes in the law.
- Train and support pro bono attorneys volunteering in this program area.
- Collaborate with Youth Empowerment Specialist as a multidisciplinary team in providing holistic, trauma-informed, empowering advocacy for young adults.
- Conduct outreach to potential clients through partnerships with community organizations across the state.
- Engage in policy and stakeholder meetings to impact systemic barriers.
- Track outcomes data to assist in program evaluation and grant reporting.
- Create and implement YALA program development plans.
- Establish and meet program goals related to caseload and overall program priorities.
- Ensure all files and program records are accurate and up-to-date.
- Support colleagues in staffing cases and developing legal strategy.
- Provide legal representation on other Children's Law Center cases as needed.

**Qualifications:**

- Passion for the mission of the Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center
- Juris Doctor degree – Preference will be given to candidates with three years of legal experience
- Active law license - in good standing with the Colorado Supreme Court (or the ability to waive into Colorado)
- Experience working with youth or young adults who have experienced trauma or instability
- Demonstrated understanding of the legal and resource needs of client populations – Preference will be given to those who have legal experience in civil legal services
- Strong legal analysis, legal writing, and advocacy skills
- Highly organized with excellent attention to detail
- Ability to work well both independently and collaboratively as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- Respectful and open to working with people from diverse backgrounds
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate effectively with other advocates and social service providers.
- Preference will be given to candidates with fluency or proficiency in Spanish.

**Salary Range:** \$55,000 to \$62,000 per year – based on skills, education, and experience

**Benefits Include:**

- Medical insurance
- Dental insurance
- Vision insurance
- Life insurance
- 403(b) retirement savings with employer match
- AFLAC options
- Flexible spending account
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Vacation time, sick time, and personal time

Interested parties must submit a resume, writing sample, references, and letter of intent to Lauren Langan, Deputy Executive Director, at [llangan@childlawcenter.org](mailto:llangan@childlawcenter.org) with the subject line: Staff Attorney Position. **Submissions will be accepted through February 4, 2022**, or until position is filled.

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