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FULL-TIME STAFF ATTORNEY Yakima County Office

POSITION: TeamChild is seeking a full-time bilingual staff attorney to assist in implementing a three-year grant funded project that expands our services to youth in Benton and Franklin counties. This position is made possible through a grant from the Center for Children and Youth Justice (www.ccyj.org) as one of a number of projects that will be replicated under a larger grant. Primary job duties include legal outreach, advice and representation of youth who are at risk of or already involved in the juvenile justice system to help address their education, housing, and health care needs. Duties also include community education and collaboration on community based projects that serve TeamChild's client base. The position will be based in our Yakima office.

QUALIFICATIONS: We are seeking candidates who are respectful and open to working with people from diverse backgrounds, enjoy creative problem solving, value the creation of relationships across disciplines, have strong organizational and administrative skills, work well both independently and as a team member, and are enthusiastic about being a part of an innovative method of advocacy. Additional qualifications include:

- Bilingual written and oral Spanish language proficiency
- Member in good standing of the Washington State Bar
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Exceptional legal skills, preferably in the relevant areas of law (school discipline/special education, Medicaid/EPSDT, delinquency, child welfare, or other areas of youth law)
- Experience working with young people, especially 12-18 year olds
- Demonstrated competence in working with diverse clients and client communities
- Connections to Benton and Franklin Counties
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate effectively with other advocates and client groups
- Sense of humor

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary dependent upon experience. Generous benefits included.

TEAMCHILD: TeamChild is a Washington State nonprofit civil legal services program for youth with offices in King, Pierce, Spokane, Snohomish and Yakima Counties. TeamChild works closely with public defenders, probation officers and others in the juvenile justice system, and provides legal representation to youth on their rights to education, Medicaid, safe and stable housing, mental health treatment, and other social services. TeamChild is a nationally recognized, innovative interdisciplinary model of advocacy that works to secure community-based services for young people, with the goal of addressing many of the problems underlying their criminal behavior.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Read the Staff Attorney Application instructions.
- Mail or email your letter of interest and resume to: Anne Lee, Executive Director, TeamChild, 1225 South Weller St., Suite 420, Seattle, WA 98144 or jobs@teamchild.org.
- Open until filled.
- Questions? Call (206) 322-2444, ext. 102.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS: Please address the following questions in your letter of interest accompanying your resume. Indicate clearly which position you are interested in. Please limit your letter of interest to two pages, single-spaced, minimum 12-point font.

1. Why are you interested in working with youth involved in the juvenile justice system? Describe some things you've learned about the juvenile justice system in Washington State that are of particular interest to you.
2. What are the unique qualities necessary to being a good lawyer for children and how have or will you work to obtain them?
3. What role can a civil legal aid attorney play in addressing the needs of juvenile offenders? How do you see this type of advocacy impacting individuals, the community and systems?

DUE DATE: Open until filled.