

## Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid

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## CHILDREN'S REPRESENTATION ATTORNEY GRANT AND LEWIS COUNTIES

The Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) Children's Representation Program (CRP) currently provides state-funded attorney representation and case support services to dependent children who have been legally free for at least six months following the termination of their parents' legal rights, and to all children beginning at the initial shelter care hearings in Grant and Lewis counties under a two-year study being funded by the Washington state legislature.

OCLA is requesting applications for full- or part-time attorney services in Grant and Lewis counties for a one-year contract, with the possibility of an extension for an additional period of time.

The contract caseload for a full-time attorney is approximately 60 cases with an approximate annual compensation of \$120,000. Part-time attorney position compensation is pro-rated based on a percentage of a full-time caseload. If interested, follow the application procedures below.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

The following qualifications are required:

- Licensed member in good standing with the Washington State Bar Association.
- Ability to meet OCLA Children's Representation Program Standards for Attorneys.
- Provide legal representation consistent with the practice, caseload and training standards as outlined in Meaningful Legal Representation for Children and Youth in Washington's Child Welfare System.
- Participate in OCLA's case activity and outcome tracking requirements; and use OCLA's Case Activity, Reporting and Oversight System (CAROS).
- Participate in OCLA-sponsored trainings.
- Maintain liability insurance.
- Commitment to and history of providing excellent representation to children and youth.
- Ability to communicate well with children and youth; be familiar with RCW 13.34 and court rules pertaining to dependency cases.
- Awareness of and ability to effectively bridge ethnic, racial, cultural, language and other barriers that clients face.
- Spanish language skills a plus.

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. To apply, email a letter of interest identifying your qualifications, caseload capacity, a resume, and three references to:

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OCLA reserves the right to amend this Request for Qualifications and reserves the right to refrain from contracting with any and all applicants. The request for qualifications does not obligate the State of Washington or OCLA to contract for the services specified.