

MISSION FIRST LEGAL AID OFFICE RESOURCE COUNSEL/STAFF ATTORNEY

POSITION SUMMARY: The Resource Counsel/Staff Attorney is responsible for providing information, technical assistance/support, outreach and training on legal issues and performance standards facing parent representation attorneys involved in child welfare proceedings as part of the Parent Representation Program.

This position is funded solely by a grant from the State of Mississippi, Office of State Public Defender.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Provide technical assistance to public defenders and volunteer attorneys serving as parent representatives in child protection matters in Youth Court;
- Assist with performance evaluations of parent representation attorneys serving in cooperating programs;
- Assist in the planning and execution of public defender training events dedicated to youth court parent representation;
- Develop and deliver training presentations;
- Perform research on issues related to parent representation;

REQUIRED SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

- Must be licensed to practice law in the state of Mississippi.
- Must be knowledgeable in the laws of Mississippi in Youth Court Practice and Procedure
- Must meet and maintain training standards set by the Office of State Public Defender
- Strong interpersonal skills to maintain a good working relationship with clients, the public and court personnel
- Ability to communicate well and understand written and oral instructions
- Experience with Microsoft Office applications
- Ability to prioritize several projects and meet deadlines
- Ability to maintain the highest degree of confidentiality and professionalism is essential

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Excellent time management skills
- Successful candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law and a desire to work in a collaborative and congenial environment.
- Minimum of 2 years practice experience in Youth Court/Child Welfare.

Some Travel Required.

Reports to: Director of Mission First Legal Aid Office

FSLA STATUS: (Human Resources will designate)