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## Openings at the Council for Children's Rights

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The Council for Children's Rights is a non-profit agency located in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Council for Children's Rights believes that every child has the right to a sound, basic education; that every child should be safe from abuse and neglect; that every boy and girl should receive adequate health care as well as mental health treatment; that every child should live in a safe home; that all youngsters accused of alleged crimes have the right to due process and access to a qualified defense attorney; and, finally, the Council for Children's Rights believes that every child holds a promise and that it is our responsibility as adults to allow the promise of each child to take root.

**Mission:** The Council for Children's Rights leads our community to stand up for every child's right to be safe, healthy, and educated.

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### Child Advocate

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This full-time position reports to the Individual Advocacy Team Leader at Council for Children's Rights and will advocate for the best interest of the child in all areas of their lives including the court system, child welfare system, education, mental health, health, and immigration.

#### ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Establish contact with juveniles referred for Individual Advocacy services, assess the child's wants and needs, and provide ongoing best interest advocacy for the child client.
- Identify needs and develop goals to meet individual client's need, and evaluate and refer juveniles and families to resources within community to meet their individual needs.
- Attend Juvenile Court hearings to represent child's best interest.
- Maintain appropriate case documentation including up-to-date files in the Child Advocacy database
- Access resources and services as necessary to advocate for the best interests of our clients in all areas of their lives including the court system, child welfare system, education, mental health, health and immigration.
- Facilitate communication between all team members involved with the child and family, make home visits as necessary, and participate in team meetings as necessary.
- Identify appropriate services for a child through research, assessments and evaluations and facilitate connection of child with service.
- Provide phone consultation and advice and guidance to callers, both professionals and parents and maintain appropriate documentation.
- Develop and maintain expertise on federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to educational and healthcare rights.
- Acts in accordance with ethical rules and professional conduct and maintains licensure as required.

**EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE**

- Master's degree in human services field from an accredited college or university  
PREFERRED;
- Bachelor's degree in human services field from an accredited college or university and two years of related experience;
- Experience working with individuals from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- Fluency in Spanish is PREFERRED.
- Valid driver's license and insurance required.
- Reliable transportation required.
- Pre-employment background check required.

**No calls or drop-ins please.**

**To apply send cover letter and resume to [careers@childrenfamily.org](mailto:careers@childrenfamily.org).**

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