



CONTRACT CHILD'S BEST INTEREST ATTORNEY

Description:

Part Time Contract Position with Child Advocates II (term of employment September 2017-August 31, 2018) (not a permanent position/dependent on funding) located in the Guardian ad Litem Office.

Salary \$20,633.38 Part time 20 hours/per week

EDUCATION AND TRAINING GUIDELINES

Graduation from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Possession of legal skills and knowledge sufficient to represent the GAL Program in legal proceedings as evidenced by admission to the Florida Bar Association. Ability to develop an understanding of juvenile law and the GAL Program. Ability to advocate effectively in court on behalf of the GAL.

Please send resume via mail or fax to Deborah Moore 1920 Thomasville Road, Suite 208 Tallahassee, Florida 32303 Fax 850-606-1201. **Deadline is Monday, October 2 @ 5:00 pm.**
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Responsibilities:

- Provide timely and accurate legal advocacy and advice. Explain legal standards and evidence needed to support that advice, in order to facilitate consistent, effective best interest advocacy for each child. Develop and recommend appropriate legal strategy, prepare appropriate legal pleadings, advocate and negotiate effectively in and out of the courtroom in order to achieve best interest outcomes for each child with particular emphasis given to safety, permanency, and normalcy for all children.
- Conduct discovery, file motions and pleadings, present testimony, prepare witnesses, make objections, participate in mediations, file and present reports and recommendations to the court and advocates for the child's best interests in hearings, trials, depositions, mediations and meetings Identify, prepare and coordinates evidence and witnesses.
- Maintain current information relating to all activities and results for each child in the program file and record.