

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE
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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
RFQ- 18004
OF ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENT PARENTS
IN DEPENDENCY AND TERMINATION CASES**

The Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) Parents Representation Program (PRP) currently provides state funded attorney representation and case support services to indigent parents, custodians and legal guardians involved in child dependency and termination of parental rights proceedings in 34 of the 39 Washington counties. The Legislature has also authorized OPD to complete expansion in 2018. OPD is requesting applications for attorney services in the following counties:

Grant and Kittitas: One contract, 40% of a full-time caseload (32 open and active cases), serving both counties beginning October 1, 2017.

All PRP Counties: Although OPD does not anticipate any immediate openings, OPD is willing to accept applications for all counties in order to identify interested parties if openings become available in the future. A full list of PRP counties may be found at <http://www.opd.wa.gov/index.php/program/parents-representation> .

The contract caseload for a full time attorney is approximately 80 cases with an approximate annual compensation of \$107,500-128,798. Part time attorney position compensation is pro-rated based on a percentage of a full time caseload. Compensation includes all overhead such as support staff, rent, and other costs of doing business. Compensation is dependent on experience. If interested, follow the application procedures below.

Qualifications

The following qualifications are required:

- Licensed member of good standing with the Washington State Bar.
- Experience representing a party in a dependency or termination case (highly preferred) or comparable experience.
- History of providing excellent representation of clients.
- Able to communicate well with indigent clients; be familiar with RCW 13.34 and court rules pertaining to dependency and termination cases.
- Able to meet Washington State Supreme Court Standards for Indigent Defense

Application Procedure

Applications for Grant and Kittitas counties will be accepted until the position is filled. To apply, email a letter of interest identifying your qualifications, counties in which you are interested, caseload preference, a resume, and three references. Letters of interest should also describe applicant's current contracts for public defense or other representation as well as existing caseload, specifying the number of your current dependency and termination cases, if any.

Email Materials to: Mike Tobias, Program Assistant at: Mike.Tobias@opd.wa.gov

Please address any questions to Mike Tobias at the above email address.

OPD reserves the right to amend this Request for Qualifications and reserves the right to refrain from contracting with any and all applicants. This Request for Qualifications does not obligate the state of Washington or OPD to contract for the services specified here.