

STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
RFQ-18008
OF ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENT PARENTS
IN DEPENDENCY AND TERMINATION CASES FOR
DOUGLAS COUNTY

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 authorized OPD to expand services statewide beginning July 1, 2018. OPD is requesting applications for attorney services in:

Douglas County for multiple part-time contracts.

The contract caseload for a full time attorney is approximately 80 cases with an approximate annual compensation of \$107,000-128,798. 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.
- Able to meet Washington State Supreme Court Standards for Indigent Defense.
- Substantial experience representing parents in dependency and termination cases in state juvenile courts.
- History of providing excellent, culturally competent 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
- Ability to communicate professionally with child welfare stakeholders

Application Procedure

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. OPD will accept applications up until April 20th, 2018. To apply, email a letter of interest identifying your qualifications, 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:

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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.

The Washington State Office of Public Defense vigorously pursues diversity in the work force. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons over 40 years of age, persons of disability, and disabled and Vietnam era veterans are encouraged to apply.