

STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
RFQ-22012
SOCIAL WORKER OR SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER FOR INDIGENT
PARENTS IN DEPENDENCY CASES

The Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) Parents Representation Program (PRP) currently provides state funded attorney representation and social work/social services specialist support services to indigent parents, custodians and legal guardians involved in child dependency and termination of parental rights proceedings in all 39 Washington counties. OPD is requesting applications for social worker or social services specialist services in the following counties:

Grays Harbor: One full-time contract.

The contract caseload for a full-time social work/social services specialist is 160 hours per month with an annual compensation of \$87,600.

If interested, follow the application procedures below.

Qualifications

The following qualifications are preferred:

- Bachelor or master degree in social work, sociology, psychology, human services or related field. This qualification may be waived for exceptional candidates.
- Experience in child welfare cases as a professional and/or lived experience.
- Ability to communicate effectively with indigent clients.
- Ability to communicate professionally with child welfare stakeholders.
- History of providing excellent, culturally competent representation of clients.
- Residing in or willing to relocate to Grays Harbor County

Application Procedure

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. To apply, email a letter of interest identifying your qualifications, counties in which you are interested, a resume, and three references.

Application Close Date: June 17, 2022

Email materials to:

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Please address any questions to:

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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.