

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE  
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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
RFQ-22014  
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:

Skamania and Klickitat Counties: One 15% (24 hours per month) contract.

The contract caseload for a part-time social work/social service worker is 24 hours per month with an annual compensation of \$13,140 (\$45.62 per hour).

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 advocacy of clients.

**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: Until filled

**Email materials 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.*