State Coordinator Position Description

The National Association of Counsel for Children is recruiting its inaugural cohort of State Coordinators to help lead NACC’s expanded outreach efforts and provide localized support to a growing network of child welfare attorneys.

Role & Responsibilities

State Coordinators are a key component of NACC’s strategic plan and community building strategy. The roles and responsibilities of this position include:

- Serve as a liaison between NACC and practitioners, courts, organizations, and law schools in your state
- Help grow the community of members and Child Welfare Law Specialists
- Help plan and promote attorney trainings in your state, including NACC’s Red Book Training, and customized state-based trainings
- Work with NACC staff to advance implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act, Title IV-E funding for legal representation, and legal service delivery system development
- Work with NACC staff to seek funding and develop special projects, such as development of state-specific versions of the Every Kid Needs a Family Attorney Advocacy Guide
- Keep NACC staff informed of state and local practice concerns, policy developments, and potential amicus opportunities
- Provide quarterly updates describing activities and plans, and participate in quarterly calls with NACC staff and other state coordinators
- Attend NACC National Conferences, which will include an annual state coordinator meeting

NACC seeks to engage 10 state coordinators per year, adding 10 coordinators annually in our 50-state strategy over the next five years. The position is a two-year minimum commitment.

At the outset, state coordinators will serve as volunteers, but will support NACC staff pursuits for funding at the state level for consulting fees, training expenses, and special projects. As a volunteer position, the time commitment for state coordinators is 5 hours per month. As additional funding develops, more time may be needed to support projects.

State Coordinators will participate in quarterly calls with NACC’s staff and receive: (1) free NACC membership at the Gold level (includes a hard cover Red Book); (2) free national conference registration; and (3) free Red Book Training Course registration.

The deadline for the first cohort of applicants is June 21, 2019.
Selection Process
State coordinators will be selected based upon individual experience, skills and qualifications, as well as state-related factors, including:

- The need for NACC engagement in the state to support attorney training, community building, and policy advocacy
- The need to establish, expand, or reform the right to counsel and the development or expansion of the delivery of legal services for children
- Implementation of Title IV-E funding for legal representation, the Family First Prevention Services Act, and/or other federal or state initiatives
- The number of NACC members and Child Welfare Law Specialists in the state

State Coordinator Attributes & Qualifications

- Experienced (5-10+ years) child welfare attorney, or policy advocate with practice experience
- Passionate about the development of high-quality legal service delivery systems in child welfare and the child’s right to counsel in dependency proceedings
- NACC Member, with a preference for Child Welfare Law Specialists
- Strong interpersonal skills, outgoing, self-directed, professional and well-respected
- Strong interest in playing an active role in the implementation of NACC’s strategic plan and community building at the state level
- Effective communicator and presenter, with a preference for experience with social media
- Responsive to NACC’s office communications and outreach

Please complete the form below and submit a letter of interest (maximum 2 pages) which addresses the following questions:

- How would a state coordinator representing NACC benefit child welfare law practice and policy in your state?
- Why are you interested in serving as a state coordinator for NACC?
- Describe your current engagement with practitioners in your state, including your potential relationships with state and local legal services providers, courts, law schools, bar associations, and other relevant entities.
- If relevant or known, describe potential opportunities for local foundation or other funding to support state coordinator consulting and special projects.
- Describe your experience organizing people and projects, including reference to your interpersonal skills and reputation as a professional in your state.
- Describe the support of your office or agency for your potential role and activities as a state coordinator.
- Please share any other additional information relevant to the position and/or your candidacy.

Click here to apply.

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