

NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE NETWORK

State Strategist

100% FTE

Washington, D.C

Deadline for applications: Open until filled

BACKGROUND: The National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJN) leads and supports a movement of state and local juvenile justice coalitions and organizations to secure local, state and federal laws, policies and practices that are fair, equitable and developmentally appropriate for all children, youth and families involved in, or at risk of becoming involved in, the justice system. NJJN is fiscally sponsored by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ), a national 501(c)(3) organization.

DESCRIPTION: The State Strategist works closely with the entire NJJN team and our state-based members to identify opportunities for technical assistance (TA) and peer support. NJJN's members work to improve outcomes for youth in trouble with the law through legislation, administrative regulations, litigation, and changes to court rules and procedures. Using a variety of strategies to achieve change, NJJN's membership looks to its community of peers and the national office to provide strategic advice and policy analysis on the wide variety of juvenile justice issues confronting state systems. NJJN directly provides its members with fiscal and policy analysis, communications technical assistance, and advice on campaign strategy and organizational development. Additionally, NJJN creates a vibrant peer learning community in which its members are able to capitalize on the wisdom in the field.

The State Strategist will:

- Maintain close contact via phone, email and travel (when appropriate) with NJJN's growing membership body of 43 state-based organizations;
- Identify needs in the field amongst NJJN's membership and determine how NJJN can best meet those needs;
- Identify when NJJN's in-house technical assistance (policy analysis, fiscal analysis, communications, and organizational development) may be appropriate for state members, convey opportunities to appropriate NJJN staff, and help to facilitate completion of TA;

- Identify opportunities for state-to-state sharing and peer technical assistance;
- Catalogue NJJN member needs and progress to share with NJJN staff;
- Help prioritize member needs and develop appropriate timelines for completion of technical assistance projects;
- Help evaluate the effectiveness of technical assistance provided by NJJN;
- Help organize NJJN's annual convening and any other member gatherings; and
- Help identify topics for and convene webinars and teleconferences for the membership.

The State Strategist will report to the Deputy Director for Policy and Programs and will work in close collaboration with the entire NJJN team. The position is based in Washington, D.C. and requires some travel. The salary is commensurate with experience and comes with full benefits.

QUALIFICATIONS: The State Strategist must have the following qualifications:

- State-based policy campaign experience;
- Experience working with or in state legislatures;
- Concrete knowledge of juvenile justice issues;
- A commitment to the mission of the National Juvenile Justice Network;
- Excellent interpersonal skills;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Ability to both take direction and be self-directed;
- Ability to synthesize, summarize and disseminate information accurately and succinctly;
- Have demonstrated time-management ability and ability to complete projects efficiently;
- Ability to multi-task – can manage competing priorities, function under pressure, and meet short deadlines;
- Interest in working as part of a team; and
- Undergraduate college degree with at least five years of work experience.

HOW TO APPLY: (*no calls or inquiries, please*) Email to info@njjn.org in a single submission: cover letter, resume, names and contact information for at least three references, and a brief writing sample unedited by anyone else. Position is open until filled.

The National Juvenile Justice Network/CJJ is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate in its hiring practices and, in order to build the strongest possible workforce, actively seeks a diverse applicant pool.

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