



Community Justice Center Seeks Disability Rights Advocate

The Community Justice Center, a legal services non-profit with offices located in Trenton, NJ, is seeking a Disability Rights Advocate. This position begins on July 1, 2013, at 32 hrs/4 days per week.

The Community Justice Center assists low-income, disabled veterans and other eligible residents. It is a core belief of the Community Justice Center that the ill and disabled should be free to focus their time and energy on becoming more healthy, rather than on the bureaucratic nightmare that can ensue when seeking public entitlements or other benefits. Too often the disabled cannot afford such a liberty, or they choose to forego their claims and end up homeless or on emergency assistance. With pre-emptive and effective advocacy and representation, the disabled are free to shift their focus toward their health and avoid potential financial crisis. Once approved for benefits, individuals have improved access to service providers who will continue to support their physical and mental wellness. Healthier people, in turn, means healthier communities.

Responsibilities:

This **Disability Rights Advocate** position will include direct interaction with prospective and current clients – including coordinating referrals, conducting intakes, assisting in case development, assisting with inter-agency networking, and participation in community events, outreach, and education. After training, the successful candidate will also have the opportunity to represent clients in administrative hearings for public entitlements.

Required:

- Experience and/or demonstrated interest in disability and civil rights work
- Excellent writing, analytic, and public speaking skills
- Comfortable working directly with clients
- Limited travel to Middlesex and Burlington Counties

Preferred:

- Experience and/or familiarity with “invisible” medical conditions
- Geographic familiarity with Central New Jersey
- Commitment to community lawyering principles

Please send cover letter and resume to info@nj-cjc.org, with the subject line: **Disability Rights Advocate Position**. Please mention in your cover letter where you learned of this position, and how it would benefit your personal and professional growth, along with salary and/or scheduling requirements.