Attorney: FosterAdopt Connect (based in Kansas City)

Job Summary: FosterAdopt Connect is a nonprofit social service agency with a mission ‘to provide foster and adoptive children with a stable, loving and nurturing family environment by support and advocacy for abused and neglected children and the families caring for them’. Our organization seeks an attorney to represent children, young adults formerly in foster care, and caregivers who need legal support within the family, probate, municipal and circuit courts.

Job Type: Full-time

Work Location: Multiple locations in Missouri and Kansas

Requirements:

- Must be actively licensed in good standing to practice law in Missouri; licensure in Kansas (or the ability to become licensed in Kansas) is a plus.
- At least three years as a practicing attorney is required.
- Experience practicing in the family, probate, civil and/or criminal courts is preferred.
- Understanding of the child welfare system is helpful.
- Must possess strong communication and analytical skills and be committed to providing excellent customer service.
- Must be willing to travel for court hearings, depositions, mediations and other case related engagements.
- Excellent organizational and multi-tasking skills are required.
- Must be a person with a reputation as a self-starter
- Multi-lingual or experience in working with a translator is preferred
- Will represent the organization as a participating leader through all duties as assigned
- Able to work and thrive in a team-oriented working environment

Essential Functions:

- Court representation of minors and adults
- Interview and counsel clients
- Consultation with other counsel, social workers, mental health practitioners, law enforcement, prosecutors, landlords, and other professionals
- Analyzing and applying legal principles and facts and making appropriate recommendations to clients and to the court
- Conducting legal research, preparing and filing motions, writs, briefs, and other court forms as necessary
- Effective communication with a broad population of individuals with varying levels of education, diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, and histories of having experienced significant trauma
- Communicating sensitive topics with compassion, empathy and diplomacy
- Time management and the ability to manage a large caseload
- Documentation and production of reports

Benefits:
• Professional development assistance
• Health, dental, vision, short- and long-term disability, and life coverage options provided.
• 403(b) retirement with up to 6% match.

Salary Range: 45-65k commensurate with experience and expertise

Non discrimination statement: FosterAdopt Connect does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its programs or services. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and members.

To Apply:

To be considered for this position, please submit a resume and cover letter that outlines your interest in joining the FosterAdopt Connect team, and relevant work experience, to Bridgett Myers via email Bridgett@fosteradopt.org. Email submissions only/no phone inquiries. Responses will be sent only to individuals meeting the state qualifications of the position.