

## **The Coalition for Juvenile Justice is Hiring in Partnership with**

### **Partnership for Strong Communities & Center for Children's Advocacy.**

**Position start date:** November 2019

**Who are these organizations?** The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) is a nationwide coalition dedicated to preventing children and youth from becoming involved in the courts and upholding the highest standards of care when youth are charged with wrongdoing and enter the justice system.

Partnership for Strong Communities is a statewide nonprofit policy and advocacy organization dedicated to ending homelessness, expanding affordable housing, and building strong communities in Connecticut.

Center for Children's Advocacy is a private, nonprofit law firm providing legal and policy advocacy for Connecticut's most vulnerable children and youth.

**What kind of work would I do?** Recently, CJJ awarded Connecticut the opportunity to participate in a project to bridge services between the juvenile justice and the homeless systems in the Stamford area.

In this project, your role would be as "Advisor" to a group of policymakers and service providers to help improve services between these two systems. This would involve informing the creation of programs and policies designed to support the housing stability of young people who are at-risk of entering and who are exiting the juvenile justice system in the Stamford area.

For example, you would:

- Work in a team to identify existing and missing data, policies, programs and services for the identified population;
- Help design solutions that are youth-friendly and effective for young people;
- Possibly meet with young people (clients of programs) to hear about their experiences with the programs and services.

This position is part-time and involves 6-7 hours per month through August 2020.

**How do I know if I qualify for this position?** We are looking to hire 2-3 young people (16-24 years old) from the Stamford area who are passionate about speaking about their experiences with housing instability and juvenile justice, and are willing to use those experiences to help advise our partners.

**Where is this job?** Meetings will be held in the Stamford or Hartford areas. If they are in the Hartford area, you can participate by video chat (any place where you access a computer). Meetings will typically last about 2 hours.

**Do I need to have a car?** No. The project will reimburse you for transportation costs to and from meetings.

**What are the benefits of working on this project?**

- \$25 per hour compensation

- Training and career-building opportunities
- Experience working in a professional setting (great resume-builder)
- Professional networking opportunities with representatives of state agencies, advocates, and local organizations
- Meaningful work that contributes to positive change
- The chance to tell your story and be heard

**How do I apply for this position?** You can email Carline Charmelus at [carline@pschousing.org](mailto:carline@pschousing.org) with a short description of your interest. Please answer these 4 questions:

- Are you from the Stamford area?
- Have you experienced housing instability or homelessness?
- Have you experienced juvenile justice involvement?
- Why do you want to do this work?

The information you provide will be kept confidential. It will only be used to make sure we create a diverse group of youth Advisors who have personal experiences with housing instability or juvenile justice so that we can better represent all youth in CT. Your information will not be shared with others.

**What happens after I apply?** We will notify all applicants by email once we have finalized selecting applicants for the position. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Carline Charmelus at 860-244-0066 or by email at [carline@pschousing.org](mailto:carline@pschousing.org)

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