POSITION NOTICE
Temporary Full Time
Bilingual Paralegal Advocate/Health Insurance Navigator

Family Support and Health Care Program

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Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, non-profit provider of civil legal assistance to low-income persons in Charlotte region, seeks a full-time Bilingual Paralegal/Health Insurance Navigator to support its Family Support and Health Care Program. The position lasts through June 2022 (with the possibility of extension). Candidates with Spanish language proficiency required. More information about the Advocacy Center can be found on its web page, www.charlottelegaladvocacy.org.

In the role of Paralegal Advocate will:
• Conduct outreach in the community to inform potential clients of our work;
• Screen and interview applicants for assistance; review client eligibility and determine whether cases meet case acceptance criteria;
• Provide legal advice, counseling or other brief service during intake interview under the supervision of a licensed attorney;
• Assist attorneys in specific cases including contact with client; interviewing witnesses; case investigation; legal research; drafting legal documents; and
• Provide direct assistance to clients in individual administrative cases in which direct paralegal representation is permitted.

In the role of Health Insurance Navigator will:
• Conduct education and outreach about how to enroll in Medicaid, CHIP, and Marketplace coverage under the Affordable Care Act;
• Educate individuals about their health care access options;
• Facilitate health insurance enrollment through one-on-one in person meetings with consumers in community locations or remotely;
• Assist consumers whose applications for coverage are denied or who lose coverage;
• Contact existing Advocacy Center clients who may qualify for a health insurance affordability program;
• Work with community partners including other non-profit organizations, medical clinics, health departments, churches, libraries, job-training programs, and other stakeholders to coordinate outreach efforts and connect with uninsured individuals/ families;
• Work with other local Navigators and CACs to organize enrollment events;
• Provide referrals to appropriate agencies for applicants and enrollees with grievances, complaints, questions, or need for other social services;
• Provide all information and services in a manner that is culturally and linguistically appropriate and ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities;
• Work with media (including print, radio, and television) to share information on open enrollment and the availability of assistance.

Qualifications
• Two-year or four-year college degree or equivalent training or experience;
• Paralegal, legal assistant, or social work training or experience preferred;
• Spanish proficiency required;
• Experience working with low-income communities preferably at a non-profit or community-based organization within a multi-ethnic_multi-cultural environment preferred;
• Experience with public benefits eligibility and/or work experience in the health care industry preferred;
• Proficiency in MS Office, including Word, Excel, Power Point and Adobe PDF professional;
• Ability to work independently and in a team environment; and
• Ability to effectively collaborate with co-workers and clients in virtual, face to face and meeting settings.

General Requirements
• Once hired, successfully complete and pass the Certification Training to be provided by Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Options (CCIO);
• Be free from conflicts of interests, including payments and incentives from brokers, insurers, or insurance industry;
• Access to a reliable car with car insurance and a valid driver’s license preferred;
• Able to work nights and/or weekends as needed preferred;
• Possess socio-economic and cultural sensitivity and ability to communicate with persons in crisis or under stress; and
• Ability to multi-task and interact well with professionals, clients, and others.

Start Date

Classification
The position is classified as paralegal-advocate on the Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy salary scales. Full time, annual salary $37,000+ (depending on experience); generous leave and benefits. Part-time, comparable hourly rate, no paid leave or benefits.

To Apply send all of the following:
(1) a detailed letter explaining your qualifications for and interest in this specific position and organization, describe qualifications for this program, experience with low-income individuals, Spanish language proficiency, full or part-time interest and availability, and other relevant information;
(2) a resume;
(3) a writing sample; and
(4) names and telephone numbers of three references to: Administrative Manager, Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, by email to careers@charlottelegaladvocacy.org or by mail to P. O. Box 28229-5558 Charlotte, NC 28212, email is preferred. Form letters and inquiries not containing this information will not be considered.
MISSION. The mission of the Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy Family Support and Health Care Program is to ensure that low-income children, the elderly, disabled persons, immigrants, and their families have access to health care and public services.

CASE TYPES. The major problems or issues addressed by this program are access to:

- VA Disability
- Medicaid and Medicare
- Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income
- Social Security
- Mental health services
- Emergency assistance
- Childcare assistance
- Child support enforcement services
- Quality nursing and rest home care
- Work First Family Assistance
- Benefit diversion
- Employment supportive services

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. This program focuses on the following four issues:

Access to quality health care for children and their parents in low and moderate-income families through Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and private health insurance coverage.

Assisting families on welfare, formerly on welfare, or in danger of needing welfare, in becoming or remaining self-sufficient, by improving access to child support enforcement, quality childcare, higher education, training, transportation, treatment of substance abuse, Food Stamps, the Earned Income Tax Credit and other tax benefits, Medicaid, affordable housing, and other supportive services.
Improving health care and income support for the disabled and elderly poor, with a focus on issues involving Social Security, SSI, Medicaid, Medicare, and on improving mental health services, care in nursing and rest homes, access to community-based care, services to the HIV-positive population, and managed care.

Working closely with Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy's Immigrant Justice Project to address the above issues as they impact the immigrant population in this region, including addressing language barriers and other barriers which particularly limit access of immigrants, non-English speaking citizens, and their children to public services and health care.

Program representation is designed both to obtain specific relief for the individuals and families who contact the program for assistance, and also to utilize systemic advocacy strategies to change the rules, procedures, and practices of federal and state agencies to ensure access to health care and public services for all affected persons. Measured outcomes will show the number of persons assisted and the dollar value of benefits or services obtained.