Director of Office of Children’s Rights

The New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) is recruiting for a person who is deeply committed to making a different in the lives of New Mexico youth to serve as the Director for the newly-created Office of Children’s Rights.

The Office of Children’s rights is designed to ensure that New Mexico’s most vulnerable youth receive the services and supports to which they are entitled.

The Director will supervise the Education Rights Director, the Immigration Rights Attorney, and a team of Youth Advocates with lived experience.

The position will be responsible for creating a pro bono panel for special education representation for court-involved youth and may provide direct representation of youth in matters such as accessing LRE placements, mental health services, and civil rights enforcement.

A Juris Doctorate degree and valid New Mexico law license is required.

Benefits include medical, dental, vision, paid vacation, and a retirement package. Please send resume and cover letter to CYFD Director of Operations Lisa Fitting at lisam.fitting@state.nm.us.