

# DisabilityRights

## ARKANSAS

### POSITION OPENING

### ADVOCATE

**Little Rock, Arkansas** - Disability Rights Arkansas (DRA) is seeking an Advocate to provide advocacy services for individuals with disabilities throughout Arkansas to protect and enforce the rights of those individuals. The scope of work includes indirect and direct individual and systemic advocacy, monitoring, investigating, training and outreach.

**Agency Description** – Disability Rights Arkansas (DRA) is an Arkansas non-profit organization with funding and authorization from the federal government to serve as the Protection and Advocacy system for individuals with disabilities in Arkansas. DRA pursues administrative, legal, and other appropriate remedies to ensure the protection of people with disabilities in Arkansas. Cases include special education, employment, housing discrimination, abuse and neglect, right to treatment and freedom from harm. DRA pursues system change advocacy in addition to individual case advocacy.

DRA services to individuals with disabilities include information, referral, technical assistance, legal representation and investigation of abuse and neglect allegations. DRA also develops, publishes and distributes advocacy materials, participates in advocacy training, and monitors, analyzes and comments on regulations, plans, budgets, policies or proposed legislation that may affect the rights of people with disabilities.

**Duties and Requirements** – The duties of the successful candidate will include providing information and assistance to agency clients in adherence with agency standards, interviewing clients and maintaining active caseloads and projects, facility monitoring, training and outreach activities, providing input into the legal work of the agency and serving on committees and boards, as needed. The applicant must have the ability to work well in teams and have excellent oral and written communication skills, plus good computer skills.

**Qualifications and Responsibilities** – The successful candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in social service or a law-related discipline or related experience. Three to five years' experience in case management and/or client advocacy preferred. Must have the ability to advocate and negotiate on behalf of clients and collaborate, communicate and mediate in various situations. Knowledge of services and supports available for individuals with disabilities, benefits/entitlements, services funding, rights and legal resources throughout the state which are potentially available to persons with disabilities is preferred. Some weekend work required.

Excellent Benefits, including health, vision and dental insurance, paid sick and annual leave, and 403(b). Qualified persons with disabilities and minorities are encouraged to apply.

**To Apply:** Send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Disability Rights Arkansas, 400 West Capitol, Suite 1200, Little Rock, AR 72201; fax: 501-296-1779 or [hr@disabilityrightsar.org](mailto:hr@disabilityrightsar.org).

**Location of the Position:** Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Deadline to apply is February 1, 2019, or until position is filled.**

DRA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.