NEW MEXICO FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM – PARENT PEER MENTORS

The New Mexico Family Advocacy Program (NMFAP) (<https://nmfap.nmcourts.gov/>) is a grant funded program managed by the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The NMFAP provides parents in child welfare cases an interdisciplinary team of lawyers, social workers, and parent mentors so that families are given the proper advocacy and support for reunification or other preferred outcomes.

The NMFAP is seeking to hire individuals who have firsthand experience with the child welfare system to provide peer support for parents who are parties to child abuse/neglect cases in Sandoval, Valencia and Bernalillo counties. This is a one of a kind opportunity to work with an innovative program that is dedicated to improving the lives of families in New Mexico.

*Job Duties*: Parent mentors work with the respondent parent in consultation with the court-appointed attorney and social worker to assist the parent with navigating the child welfare system, empowering them to create goals consistent with reunification and supporting them during the course of the case; perform basic case management; maintain a caseload of 7-10 parents/cases; accompany parents in court hearings and provide support; attend Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) meetings; participate in home and community visits; transport clients to visits, meetings or appointments; actively participate in meetings, workshops, and training as directed by the AOC; and collect information and data for the program.

*Qualifications*: In order to be a parent mentor with the NMFAP, candidates must meet the following criteria:

* Have a past history with a child/children being removed and taken into CYFD custody;
* Have a CYFD case closed 9 months or longer;
* Enroll in Peer Support training for certification at time of hire;
* Be clear of probation and/or parole;
* Have no active open cases; and,
* Have proper documentation of driver's license, insurance, and proof of registration.

*Term and Compensation*: Successful candidates will be offered a part-time contract position funded by the Strengthening Child Welfare Systems federal grant for six months at $7,500 (approximately 20hrs/week) with the option for renewal and possibility of taking on a larger caseload.

*Application Details*: Send your resume and a cover letter that describes your interest in the position and how you meet the qualification criteria listed above to NMFAP Parent Mentor Coordinator, Queva Hubbard (qhubbard@nmfamilyadvocacy.org). Please also direct any questions you have to her.

Candidates are encouraged to submit their application materials as quickly as possible, as they will be considered on a first come first served basis. The position will remain open until vacancies are filled.