



**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
DEPUTY ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER
CHILD PROTECTION PARENT DEFENSE**

Applications are being accepted for a Deputy Assistant Public Defender for the Child Protection (CP) Parent Defense team reporting to the Director of Delinquency Defense and Child Protection. The CP Parent Defense team of attorney and support staff is focused on bringing the highest quality representation to indigent parents in complex child protection matters throughout the state. The team is responsible for handling child protection trial court cases and appeals statewide and representing indigent respondent parents in contempt proceedings in the Family Support Magistrate Court. The team provides training, trial observation and consultation for other public defenders and Assigned Counsel handling child protection and family support magistrate matters.

The position will have statewide responsibilities, but it is anticipated that the attorney will be placed in Middletown and/or Hartford. The Deputy Assistant Public Defender will be required to travel around the state as needed.

Qualifications: Preferred candidates should have at least five (5) years of experience representing parents in child protection matters in the trial court and/or appellate court. Additional experience in criminal defense, delinquency defense, family support magistrate court or other related practices serving indigent clients will be strongly considered along with a demonstrated commitment to holistic and client-centered representation of marginalized parents from underserved communities. Must be currently admitted to the Connecticut Bar.

Starting Salary: \$93,275 - \$105,249 based on experience with full State benefits.

Application Process: Applicants must submit Employment Application, Letter of Interest, Resume, Attorney Application Supplement and Attorney Reference form.

All forms can be obtained from our website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/OCPD/Employment/Employment-Opportunities>

Internal Applicants are required to submit an updated Attorney Application Supplement, Letter of Interest, Attorney References and Resume.

ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ONE DOCUMENT PACKAGE and emailed to renee.cimino@pds.ct.gov and OCPDHR@pds.ct.gov no later than December 4, 2024.

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Applications by members of all underrepresented groups are encouraged.