

# LOUISIANA CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



## WHO WE ARE:

The Louisiana Center for Children's Rights (LCCR) fights to keep children out of the justice system so that they can thrive in their homes and communities. We both represent individual children in their court cases and address the systemic issues that trap marginalized youth in the justice system.

## WHAT WE DO:

*Juvenile Defense:* As the juvenile public defender in New Orleans, we represent over 90% of children in the city who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. We provide each child with a holistic team – a lawyer, social worker, investigator, and youth advocate – to address both the causes and consequences of an arrest.

*Juvenile Life Without Parole:* We represent the majority of Louisianans who are facing or serving life without parole sentences for crimes they committed as children, which the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled unconstitutional in all but the rarest cases. We know that children can and do change for the better, so we fight for their second chance.

*State and Local Advocacy.* We advocate for policies that reduce the number of children in the justice system and provide better alternatives to arrest and incarceration. For the kids who do enter the system, we support policies that keep them safe, protect their rights, and get them home as soon as possible.

## HOW TO APPLY:

### *Job Description*

Join us! Law clerks will work closely under the supervision of staff attorneys in all aspects of representing LCCR clients, including legal research, fact investigation, drafting memoranda and motions, developing holistic service plans, preparing for adjudication hearings, and litigation where children are facing life without parole. Law clerks may also assist in systemic justice system reform projects through research, education, investigation, and the preparation of briefs and position papers. Law clerks are required to abide by LCCR's confidentiality policy, and to act at all times according to the expressed interests of our clients. LCCR's summer clerkship program is ten weeks long and commences on Monday, May 29, 2023. We are planning to host our summer 2023 law clerks in person.

### *Application Instructions*

Submit a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to [hvandecar@lakidsrights.org](mailto:hvandecar@lakidsrights.org). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until positions are filled. Law clerk positions are generally unpaid, and students are encouraged to secure funding through their schools. Where needed, we will help clerks with obtaining funding from schools, outside sources or through LCCR's limited law clerk stipend fund. We will also assist students with obtaining academic credit for their work, if possible.