

# Calling all Family Defenders

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The Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC), a Colorado state agency, is accepting applications from attorneys in Northern Colorado and the Front Range to represent indigent parents in dependency and neglect proceedings. Family defense attorneys, commonly known as Respondent Parent Counsel or RPCs, contract with the ORPC to represent indigent parents in court proceedings brought by county child protection services. RPCs work on behalf of parents threatened by state intervention with the temporary and/or permanent loss of the custody and rights to their children. RPCs are dedicated to protecting the fundamental right to parent by advocating for parents' due process rights, access to appropriate services, and constitutional right to parent their children.

The ORPC offers comprehensive training and litigation support, including jury trial assistance and billing help; mentoring; case law updates; access to Westlaw Edge, social workers, investigators, and experts; a motions bank; case consults; and a listserv.

Start your own law firm and let the ORPC support your practice! The ORPC pays RPCs \$80 per hour on an independent contractor basis.

## Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel

### Call for Applications in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts

We are seeking applications from family defenders wanting to work in the following counties: Adams, Boulder, El Paso, and Weld. We encourage diverse applicants, including applicants of color and those with Native American heritage, to apply. The application will close Wednesday, September 30th at 5pm.

Please reach out to Jena ([admin@coloradoorpc.org](mailto:admin@coloradoorpc.org)) with questions.

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