

Calling all Family Defenders

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The Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC), a Colorado state agency, is accepting applications from attorneys across Colorado 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 where their parental rights are at risk. 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. We are accepting applications on a rolling basis year-round.

Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel

Call for Applications

Applicants will be contacted for remote interviews depending on jurisdictional need and availability.

We especially are seeking applications from those wanting to work in these counties: Adams, Alamosa, Arapahoe, Archuleta, Costilla, Conejos, Denver, Dolores, Eagle, El Paso, Grand, Huerfano, La Plata, Las Animas, Logan, Mesa, Moffat, Montezuma, Morgan, Routt, San Juan, Teller, Weld. We encourage diverse applicants, including applicants of color and those with Native American heritage, to apply.

Please reach out to Jena (admin@coloradoorpc.org) with questions. <https://coloradoorpc.org/become-a-contractor/>