



CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT TASK FORCE REQUEST FOR NEW MEMBERS

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) administers the federal Children's Justice Act (CJA) grant funds for the State of California. Funds are utilized to develop innovative programs to improve the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases. The California CJA Task Force (Task Force) is responsible for making recommendations to Cal OES regarding policies, programs, and funding which improve the system's handling of these cases.

The Task Force is comprised of professionals who have knowledge and expertise in the areas of criminal justice and child abuse. In order to meet (or exceed) compliance with the federal requirements regarding representation, Cal OES is seeking a new Task Force member from the following disciplines:

- **Law Enforcement Community (Northern or Central California)**
- **Individual experienced in working with children with disabilities**
- **Child Protective Services Agency(ies)**

Task Force members are appointed by the Cal OES Director, or his designee. Members are expected to attend regularly scheduled Task Force meetings held quarterly in Sacramento and Southern California. Although Task Force members are volunteers who do not receive compensation for their service, they are reimbursed for their travel expenses to attend scheduled Task Force meetings. CJA Task Force members participate in the following types of activities:

- Identify, raise and discuss critical issues within the field of children's justice and child abuse;
- Provide program and funding recommendations to Cal OES;
- Develop policy recommendations related to children's justice and child abuse issues;
- Review and be prepared to discuss Task Force meeting agenda items, meeting minutes, and supplemental documentation;
- Assist the Cal OES staff in the preparation of the annual CJA performance report, application for funds, and the three-year California assessment report; and,
- Represent and provide relevant information from the specific field for which he/she has been appointed.

Interested parties should send a letter of interest for the above-named vacancies and resume or curriculum vitae, via mail or email to:

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Cal OES hopes to have new members appointed to the CJA Task Force as soon as possible. Upon the completion of the review and approval process, Cal OES will notify the each new Task Force member of his/her appointment.

For more information regarding the Task Force, please contact Michelle Mahon at (916) 845-8285, or via email to michelle.mahon@caloes.ca.gov.