



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY ASSOCIATE

The Mississippi Center for Justice seeks to hire policy associate for our office in Jackson. The Center seeks someone with an interest and experience in working with public policy concerning public benefits.

The Center is a nonprofit, public interest law firm committed to advancing racial and economic justice statewide. Our lawyers work with community leaders to support their social justice campaigns and to channel the energies of the legal community to combat discrimination and poverty. With offices in Jackson, Biloxi and Indianola, we seek systemic solutions that promote educational opportunity, protect the rights of consumers, and secure access to healthcare and child care, and make fair and affordable housing available for all Mississippians.

Job Responsibilities

As a full-time employee, based in Jackson and reporting to the Advocacy Director, the Public Benefits Policy Associate is responsible for developing and implementing an anti-hunger campaign for the Mississippi Center for Justice.

Job duties will include:

- Create a work plan defining project initiatives, goals and outcomes
- Gather data around the state on food deserts and opportunities for enhanced nutrition and food opportunities for undernourished Mississippians.
- Conduct outreach to the community to gather information on people's experience with SNAP
- Analyze data from the Mississippi Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) regarding patterns of SNAP participation and create a white paper leading to advocacy efforts to improve the program for participants.
- Collaborate with regional and national partners on anti-hunger initiatives.
- Strategically develop partnerships with other organizations in the state to build a strong anti-hunger collaborative.
- Participate with community organizations to gain support and build relationships.

Qualifications

- Master's Degree in public policy or policy emphasis in social work
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills
- Excellent organizational, networking and relationship-building skills
- Commitment to the mission of the Mississippi Center for Justice

Please send brief letter of interest, resume and two (2) references to Beth Orlansky at borlansky@mscenterforjustice.org

The position will stay open until filled.

The Mississippi Center for Justice is an Equal Opportunity Employer