

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title: Statewide CHINS Coordinator	Date: March 3, 2022
Reports to: Eric John, Exec. Dir.	Wkly Hrs: Full-time
Agency: Council of Juvenile Court Judges	Closing Date: May 1, 2022

Position Overview:

Positioned within and under the direction of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges (the Council), the Statewide CHINS Coordinator will work with all juvenile courts and all levels of government - state, regional, local – as appropriate along with juvenile court judges and stakeholders to develop and implement a general protocol across the state to further the purposes of Article 5 of the Georgia Juvenile Code, Child in Need of Services (CHINS).

Major Areas of Responsibility:

The purposes of Article 5 of the Georgia Juvenile Code, CHINS, are:

- (1) To acknowledge that certain behaviors or conditions occurring within a family or school environment indicate that a child is experiencing serious difficulties and is in need of services and corrective action in order to protect such child from the irreversibility of certain choices and to protect the integrity of such child's family;
- (2) To make family members aware of their contributions to their family's problems and to encourage family members to accept the responsibility to participate in any program of care ordered by the court;
- (3) To provide a child with a program of treatment, care, guidance, counseling, structure, supervision, and rehabilitation that he or she needs to assist him or her in becoming a responsible and productive member of society; and
- (4) To ensure the cooperation and coordination of all agencies having responsibility to supply services to any member of a family referred to the court.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

Develop and maintain strong relationships with juvenile court judges in every county of the state.

With the Council's Standing Committee on CHINS, coordinate the development of standards and best practices for juvenile courts in handling CHINS cases.

Assist with the design and implementation of local and regional CHINS systems of care with an emphasis on the provision of services to families to avoid formal court involvement.

Lead in the development of data collection system for CHINS cases.

Work with local CHINS coordinators to guide the identification, development, and coordination of state and local resources to provide direct and indirect services to CHINS protocol participants.

With the support of the Council's CHINS Standing Committee, convene and lead meetings of the CHINS Stakeholder Collaborative with members including juvenile courts, DFCS, DJJ, DBHDD, prosecuting attorneys, defense counsel, schools, law enforcement, and others.

Report on activities to the Council's CHINS Standing Committee at its semi-annual meetings and as otherwise requested.

Serve as liaison to state agency partners to identify service needs and service providers, financial resources, and subject area experts.

Represent CHINS interests and inform audiences of CHINS efforts at relevant meetings, legislative hearings, and the like.

Qualifications & Skills:

REQUIRED:

Bachelor's degree in related field.

5 years minimum experience in related field.

Some in-state travel.

Ability to deal with confidential information.

PREFERRED:

Demonstrated leadership ability.

Knowledge of basic functions of all branches of state government.

Understanding of issues affecting childhood development and family stability including trauma, education, and socioeconomics.

Compensation:

Salary range: \$55,000.00 – \$65,000.00. Commensurate with experience.

Send Inquiries or Resume with Cover Letter To:

Mr. Eric John, Executive Director, Council of Juvenile Court Judges, at ejjohn@cjcjofga.org.