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Job Title	Bilingual Children's Legal Advocate
Employer/ Agency	Tahirih Justice Center
Job Description	Tahirih is seeking to hire a Children's Legal Advocate for its Houston office. This Advocate will be hired as a 3 year full-time employee. S/he will work closely with the Children's Staff Attorney to assist unaccompanied children seeking lifesaving protections under US law. S/he will assist with intakes, social service referrals, pro-bono case placement to protect children survivors of violence from multicultural backgrounds.
	Primary responsibilities will include:
	Outreach and Intake • Assist with outreach activities to identify unaccompanied immigrant children residing in the greater Houston area who are in need of legal assistance • Manage service inbox, phones and emails to increase services provided to unaccompanied children • Conduct telephone and in person intakes with children and when applicable, their sponsors.
	Immigration and Family Law Program Support to serve Unaccompanied Children • Organize/maintain client files and databases • Provide general administrative support for Tahirih's attorneys by preparing correspondence, answering phones, scheduling client appointments etc. • Support case referral of cases to Tahirih's Pro Bono Attorney Network. • Assist with the preparation of immigration applications and family law legal
	matters • Work alongside Tahirih's Volunteer Manager and Attorneys to help children access forensic doctors, forensic mental health professionals, and Amicus and Ad litem attorneys
	Provide Unaccompanied Children Holistic Support • Provide referrals for children to access adequate housing, medical care, school, food, transportation and other needs
	• Work alongside Tahirih's Social Service team to ensure that unaccompanied children receive case management support
	Fundraising and Communication • Contribute to the development of grant proposals and reports • Occasionally attend meetings with potential funders • Provide client stories and articles for periodic Tahirih publications • Generally promote Tahirih and its work
Qualifications	A college degree • Spanish fluency is required • Detail-oriented, with superior problem-solving, decision-making, organizational, and time-management skills
	 Excellent English writing, research, and communication skills Experience living abroad or working with immigrant communities Informed interest in international children's rights Self-motivated, enthusiastic, and flexible

Salary/Hours	Annual salary is competitive and dependent on experience. This position will be hired as a 3 year contract full-time employee. Generous benefits including: 15 days of paid accrued vacation during the first year (20 days of vacation after the first year), additional week of vacation between Christmas and New Year's, flex-spending account, sick and parental leave, fully-paid health and dental insurance coverage, 403(b) plan, in-house training programs, staff enrichment retreats and other professional development opportunities.
Employer/Agency	Tahirih Justice Center
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Application Method	Please email a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references to: Human Resources Department Tahirih Justice Center 1717 St. James Place, Ste. 450 Houston, Texas 77056 recruiting@tahirih.org Please note: Candidates applying must have work authorization in the United States.

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