

Center for Child Protection and Family Support, Inc

Description of Organization:

The Center for Child Protection and Family Support (Center) of Washington, DC, is a 501(c) 3 non-profit social services organization that is a leader in the field of child protection, domestic violence, delinquency prevention and family support. Two child advocates, Joyce N. Thomas, a Registered Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and Dr. Carl M. Rogers, a Research Psychologist, established the Center in 1987. Since its establishment, Ms. Thomas has served as the President and CEO providing leadership for quality assurance, program development, fiscal oversight, community collaboration, policy formulation, training and research. For three decades, Ms. Thomas has made major contributions to the field of child welfare and public health services in the District of Columbia and throughout the globe.

The Center's mission is *to ensure that all children (particularly disadvantaged children) are given the opportunity to mature and develop within a family free of maltreatment, and a community that nurtures and protects them from violence.* Prevention, education and direct services intervention are the focal points of our approach for working with vulnerable children from birth to 18 years of age, and their families. Current programs activities focus on providing mental health treatment services to abused and neglected children, offering structured parent education services for at-risk families, and providing training and technical assistance for other agencies and individuals that serve children and youth.

Board Opportunities:

The Center is seeking to maintain a ten member volunteer Board of Directors that provides governance for fiscal and policy oversight. The Board meets four times per year and the current officers are: Linwood Brockett, President, Leslie Robinson, Vice President, and Helen Sullivan, Secretary. The board is responsible for developing and maintaining focus on the organization's mission, vision and annual organizational goals, while establishing strategic direction, selecting and monitoring the performance of the President/CEO and promoting organizational values. In addition, it is expected for the Board to retain the financial and human resources needed to support the organization's mission.

We are seeking committed individuals that have skills, talents, and characteristics to augment our current Center board members. Specifically we are seeking thought-provoking individuals with leadership skills, the ability to work as part of a team, and are willing to follow through on commitments. These individuals should have community involvement; political and social connections, fundraising experience and have an understanding of technology, marketing or financial management. We depend on **Work, Wealth, Wisdom, Wit and Witness** from our Board members. Currently, there are four vacancies on the Board.

For more information and to receive an application, contact Meron Meshesha at (202) 544-3144 x12 or via e-mail at ccpfs@centerchildprotection.org

