

STATE BUDGET ORGANIZER NEEDED

Connecticut Voices for Children is seeking a well-qualified and enthusiastic person to act as State Budget Organizer through May 14, 2010, with the possibility of an extension. The goal of this part-time consultant position (approx. 20-30 hours per week) is to increase support among Connecticut organizations and individuals for revenue enhancements to help close Connecticut's state budget deficit. Connecticut Voices seeks to support policies that raise adequate revenues to fund vital public services for Connecticut's children and families.

Connecticut Voices for Children is a research-based public education and advocacy organization that works statewide to promote the well being of CT's children, youth, and families. We do this through high-quality research, budget and public policy analyses; an active and strategic communications program; and a growing network of organizational partnerships. Please visit our Web site at www.ctkidslink.org for more information about our areas of focus and recent publications.

The State Budget Organizer will

- Conduct outreach to organizations and individuals to gain support for state revenue enhancement options, including small business, faith-based, environmental, municipal, education, and other organizations.
- Support and expand CT Voices' collaborative work with other organizations and coalitions concerned with state tax and budget topics.
- Conduct educational presentations on state tax and budget policy developments, issues, and state revenue options for a variety of audiences.
- Assist with the development of presentation materials, fact sheets, e-mail updates, and other educational materials.

Candidates must have at least a Bachelor's degree; experience with community organizing, coalition building, public policy, and/or nonprofit advocacy; excellent presentation and writing skills; ability to convey complex ideas in plain language; strong interpersonal skills; independent initiative; a commitment to social justice; and ability to travel throughout the state in one's own vehicle. Familiarity with state tax and budget policies and Microsoft PowerPoint is helpful. CT Voices seeks to contract with a consultant as soon as possible.

If interested, please send cover letter, resume, writing sample (maximum of 5 pages) and three references (with contact information) to Mary Jennings, CT Voices for Children, 33 Whitney Ave., New Haven, CT 06510 or e-mail application materials to mjennings@ctkidslink.org.

Position Announced: January 8, 2010