



## **Clients Rights' Advocate – Community Integration Bakersfield, CA**

**Application Deadline:** Open until filled. Applications should be received by **February 7, 2020** to be considered for the first round of interviews.

### **SALARY RANGE (Depending on Experience):**

Clients' Rights Advocate 1: \$58,383-\$78,234 annually

Clients' Rights Advocate 2: \$63,063-\$84,513 annually

### **WHO WE ARE**

Disability Rights California (DRC) is a statewide, non-profit legal organization dedicated to advancing the rights of Californians with disabilities to live with autonomy, dignity, and respect in a barrier-free, inclusive, and diverse world that values each individual and their voice. The Legal Advocacy Unit (LAU) is DRC's core Protection & Advocacy legal program, tasked with fulfilling our federal mandate to defend the rights of people with disabilities in California.

### **Office of Clients' Rights Advocate (OCRA)**

The Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) is part of DRC. The California Department of Developmental Services funds OCRA through a contract. OCRA has been providing advocacy services to regional center consumers, their families, and interested community members since 1999. OCRA provides legal services to consumers of all 21 regional centers throughout California.

### **PURPOSE OF THE JOB**

The Clients' Rights Advocate for community integration provides advocacy services to persons with developmental disabilities who are clients of regional centers. This position will focus primarily on the rights of people with developmental disabilities who live in or who are at risk of living in institutions or other restrictive settings, with an emphasis on the right of people to receive services and supports in the least restrictive environment. The position will be located in Bakersfield.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Master's degree (MA or MS) or Juris Doctor degree (JD) plus 1-2 years paid or volunteer experience.

- Knowledge of the legal, civil and service rights of persons with developmental disabilities in California.
- Experience working with and/or sensitivity to persons with disabilities.
- Experience working with and/or sensitivity to persons from multi-ethnic communities.

### **Licenses / Certificates**

To be considered for a CRA 2, must be a member of the California State Bar, or eligible to practice under the Registered Legal Services Attorney Program [admitted to practice in

another state and eligible to practice in California for three (3) years; requires admittance to the California Bar within three (3) years.

Working at DRC is more than just a job - it is a rare opportunity to do what you are good at while making a difference! DRC offers competitive salaries and a generous benefit package. To view the detailed job description and complete the application process visit [here](#).