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Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys, LLC, is a law firm contracted by Salt Lake County, dedicated solely to promoting justice for children by ensuring excellence in juvenile defense. Through trial advocacy, community building, training, and policy reform, we provide nationally recognized juvenile defense not only to youth in Salt Lake County, but youth statewide.

In order to provide holistic representation, UJDA has two forensically trained social workers who provide a myriad of services for our clients and their cases that help the attorneys develop a defense and/or plan of action for successful rehabilitation and re-entry into society. Common tasks of the forensic social worker may include:

- Crisis Intervention;
- Interviewing, investigating history and assessing clients;
- Writing psychosocial assessments;
- Assisting with client-attorney communication;
- Providing supportive, short-term counseling to clients and their families;
- Meeting and interviewing the client, as well as coordinating all records, in preparation of competency evaluation or other legal options;
- Connecting clients with a wide variety of social services and benefits such as mental health treatment and/or substance abuse treatment options;
- Writing mitigation memoranda and/or sentencing alternatives for court;
- Participate in Drug court and/or mental health court clinical staffing's for juvenile offenders;
- Visiting clients at jail facilities, as well as treatment programs; and
- Cultivating relationships with community programs and social service providers.

--At this time, UJDA is not able to offer a stipend.

--Student must have their own method of transportation and pass criminal background check.

--Majority of hours are M-F 9-5, but there is some flexibility for evening and weekend work, periodically.