

**One Roof Los Angeles
Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Lived Expertise Advocate Consultant Opportunity
Child Welfare/Homelessness**

Background: One Roof Los Angeles is a collaborative of partners in Los Angeles County that convene to address the housing needs of child welfare-involved families and Transition Age Youth (TAY) through cross-sector alignment, systems change, and the development of housing resources.

One Roof partners include: the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), LA County Chief Executive Office's Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI), Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Center for Strategic Partnerships (CSP), Watson Consulting Group (WCG), and Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH).

TAY with lived experience of navigating the child welfare system and housing/homelessness system in Los Angeles have unique expertise. The collaborative seeks lived expertise advocates to attend meetings and bring the voice of someone with lived experience to these conversations.

About WCG

WCG uplifts marginalized communities in the Los Angeles area by working with nonprofit, governmental, and philanthropic agencies on organizational and systems change. For more information, see <https://www.consultingwatson.com/>.

About the position:

The TAY Lived Expertise Advocate Consultants will receive support and guidance from WCG.

Responsibilities of the Lived Expertise Advocate Consultant:

- Actively participate (in-person or virtually) in quarterly LA One Roof Core Team meetings and bi-annual LA One Roof Collaborative meetings.
- Join sub-group meetings related to the above-mentioned objective and outcomes (as applicable).
- Meet with WCG consultants for check-ins to prepare and debrief on content.
- Depending on interests and skill set, co-create agendas and materials and co-facilitate meetings/agenda items.
- Provide insight and thought partnership on processes, materials, and decisions.

Qualifications of TAY Lived Expertise Consultant:

Required:

- Have prior or current involvement with the child welfare system within Los Angeles County as a transitional age youth (TAY) age 16-21. TAY advocates above the age of 21 must have experienced child welfare involvement while they were between the ages of 16 and 21. This does not exclude advocates that experienced child welfare involvement prior to age 16, as long as that involvement continued into age 16. TAY advocates may still be involved with the child welfare system.

- Have prior experience with a housing crisis or homelessness within the Los Angeles area, including living on the streets, staying in a shelter, or temporarily living with a friend or family member due to the loss of a living situation (for example “doubled up” or “couch surfing”).
- Be interested in drawing upon their experiences to contribute to One Roof LA meetings, conversations, and work.
- Be willing and able to commit to completing the roles and responsibilities outlined above.
- Have reasonably reliable access to the internet through a computer, phone, or other device, in order to ensure ability to complete roles and responsibilities. This access may be through a public device or in a public space, such as at a local library.

Preferred:

- Have experience working with computers.
- Have experience working with virtual meeting software such as Teams, Zoom, or WebEx.
- Have experience working with stakeholders (stakeholders may include clients, members, staff, leadership, board members, donors, or other individuals involved with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, or community groups).
- Have experience facilitating presentations to stakeholders.

Contract Terms:

- Compensation is \$75 per hour.
- The maximum number of hours will not exceed 50 hours for entire contract term.
- Contract term will be for up to 7 months, depending on start date.
- Advocates will receive a \$40 travel stipend for each in-person quarterly and bi-annual meeting attended.
- Advocates will be classified as independent contractors and will be responsible for paying any applicable taxes to the IRS.
- The work for this position will be primarily conducted remotely. Some in-person meetings in the Los Angeles area may be required.

To apply:

Please email your resume and cover letter to jobs@consultingwatson.com.