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Poverty & Race Research Action Council

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Law and Policy Associate

The Poverty & Race Research Action Council is seeking a recent law school graduate who is committed to civil rights and who is interested in engaging in federal and state policy advocacy, detailed regulatory analysis, social science research, and public education and field outreach. This new position will primarily involve fair housing and federal and state low income housing programs, but may also include intersectional work in PRRAC's other issue areas, below.

The Poverty & Race Research Action Council (PRRAC) is a non-profit civil rights law and policy organization based in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1989 by major national civil rights and poverty law organizations, PRRAC's primary mission is to help connect advocates with social scientists working on race and poverty issues, and to develop innovative approaches to structural inequality issues.

At the present time, PRRAC's work is focused in the areas of housing, education, and health, with a particular emphasis on the continuing consequences of historical patterns of housing segregation and development. Our housing work includes research and advocacy on the racial impacts of federal housing policy, and development of effective desegregation strategies (see www.prrac.org/projects/civilrightshousing.php). Our education work focuses on the racial impacts of federal education policy, with particular attention to the impact of poverty concentration and racial isolation on school outcomes for low income children (see www.school-diversity.org). Our health related work addresses social and environmental determinants of health, with a focus on transportation equity and environmental justice.

In addition to national-level law and policy research and advocacy, we are engaged in local technical assistance work in Baltimore, Hartford, and Philadelphia, and we anticipate other regionally-based work in support of HUD's new Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule and an expanded federal and state commitment to housing and school integration efforts.

The ideal candidate for the Law & Policy Associate position would have excellent research and writing skills, a strong interest in federal policy work, and a demonstrated commitment to civil rights and poverty alleviation. Prior work with low income communities of color, and some background in housing law and policy, poverty law, or education law is preferred.

The position would be primarily supervised by PRRAC's Executive Director, Philip Tegeler and PRRAC Policy Counsel Megan Haberle. Salary is competitive with legal services and other public interest law positions, and the position includes all of the standard benefits. To apply, please send a resume and brief statement of interest to ptegeler@prrac.org.

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