

ANN PARK

August 31, 2012
Dan Ruben
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Dear Mr. Dan Ruben:

I would like to thank you for the wonderful EJA fellowship opportunity, which allowed me to have a wonderful summer internship experience at Voices for America's Children. Working as a Children's Health Policy intern at Voices, not only did I gain knowledge about health law and policy that affect lives of underprivileged children and their families, but I developed skills to incorporate legal research and analysis into efficient child advocacy work.

Working at the Voices headquarters, I engaged in health policy discussions with other Voices members located in more than 40 states. I learned about individualized state advocacy plans and strategies to promote more expansive medical services for children and families. The Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act on June 28 gave me invaluable opportunities to participate in a series of discussions with attorneys and legal scholars to interpret the ruling. I conducted my own research to analyze the legal consequences of the Supreme Court ruling particularly on the Medicaid expansion, and wrote a policy brief that analyze how the ruling may affect other federally-funded programs, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). I concluded that the Supreme Court ruling on the Medicaid expansion may challenge other federally-funded programs promoting the welfare of underprivileged children and families.

Furthermore, I analyzed legislations that impact children's lives, such as the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act of 2002 and the Pediatric Research Equity Act of 2003 (PREA 2003), and assessed the improvements made by BPCA and PREA Reauthorization Act of 2012 (H.R. 4274).

During the Voices for America's Annual National Conference attended by representatives from 49 state members of voices, I participated in forums where different stakeholders, including attorneys, policy makers, medical doctors, and public relations professionals shared insights and knowledge on child welfare, health, and education.

My internship at Voices affirmed my career goal in pursuing child law. My communication, research and writing skills improved over the 10 weeks at Voices. I am confident that due to what I gained from my internship experience, I took one step closer to my dream of becoming a good child attorney. This would not have been possible without the EJA Fellowship. I would like to thank you again for this wonderful opportunity.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Mr. Ruben,

Ann Park served her fellowship at Voices for America's Children from May 29, 2012 through August 10, 2012. I was her primary supervisor, although she also took assignments from others in the office.

Ms. Park conducted her fellowship at an opportune time for both her and our organization, as the U.S. Supreme Court was weighing the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act. Voices for America's Children had significant interest in this legal case and its impact on children and families. Ms. Park was able to provide us with legal perspectives and analysis.

For example, Ms. Park worked on a draft issue brief regarding the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act, particularly related to Medicaid expansion, and how it may impact other federal-state programs which support children and families.

Ms. Park conducted research on legal expert opinions on the Medicaid expansion decision and translated those expert opinions into an analysis of how the high court's decision may impact programs, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Head Start, Title I of Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Additionally, Ms. Park fulfilled other responsibilities for our organization. On a weekly basis, she drafted a weekly children's health update for our network. Ms. Park frequently attended coalition meetings and other events. She drafted detailed notes on the meetings and events which she attended. Ms. Park also analyzed legislation as needed.

Ms. Park exemplified incredible professionalism and dedication to her fellowship. When she needed guidance on how to perform a certain task, Ms. Park did not hesitate in pursuing assistance in order to continue working independently. She was the consummate team player who was willing to go above and beyond for Voices for America's Children and our members. For example, Ms. Park worked more than 60 hours during the week of our organization's annual conference to ensure members and other participants had a positive experience and the tools they needed to be effective.

Ms. Park is a very capable third-year law student who, upon entering the workforce, will competently and effectively serve those in need. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. J. Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Matthew J. Wright
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