

# public citizens for children + youth

## **Position Title: Part-Time Bi-Lingual (Spanish/English) Journalism Fellow / Montgomery County, Pennsylvania**

### **About PCCY**

Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY) is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives and chances of children within the Philadelphia region through thoughtful and informed advocacy.

### **Position Summary**

PCCY is seeking an experienced journalist with an existing portfolio of insightful articles that present how public policies shape people's lives. The Journalism Fellow will canvass the community collecting real-life stories to expose failings in public safety nets, education, and other public systems intended to create greater economic opportunity. The focus is on families of color in Norristown and Pottstown.

The Fellow is part of PCCY's launch of Dis/parities, a new reporting initiative designed to illuminate the lives of parents and children of color living in Norristown and Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Partners include the Urban League of Philadelphia and ACLAMO (Accion Comunal Latinoamericana de Montgomery County/or the Latin American Community Action of Montgomery County).

The Fellow must be a dynamic, self-motivated individual who can write and produce accurate, informative, and relevant community reporting and engage four residents as Community Liaisons. The ideal candidate will have a history of creating networks and building relationships to develop leads and contextualize news reporting. The position also requires social media acumen.

### **Job Responsibilities**

- Based on data from the government and local sources, develop a 12-month reporting calendar that enables the production of 20 in-depth features/stories in each community (10 stories per community).
- Identify stories that expose shortcomings in the safety net, education, and other public support systems intended to support children that are currently failing Black and Hispanic children in Pottstown and Norristown.
- Work with PCCY to optimize distribution channels for the stories.



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- Build a network of community leaders and constituents among the Black and Hispanic populations of Norristown and Pottstown who can help identify and generate compelling stories.
- Assist in cultivating media relationships with news outlets who will carry news produced by Dis/parities.
- Identify, with our partners in these communities, two residents of each city to operate as eyes, ears and touchstones, who will serve as Community Liaisons and help supply context and background for the stories you will write.
- Offer informal journalism training on topics such as: the basics of good reporting, how to create a strong news story outline, methods of interviewing sources, and how to get to the final editing stage.

### **Qualifications**

- Have a robust publishing track record and be able to write short-form and long-form news accounts as well as features.
- Experience as an editor or experience editing is a plus.
- Social-media savvy is also a plus, demonstrated by a strong social media presence or penetration of reporting.
- Have a track record of meeting deadlines and being highly organized.
- Access to a car and a valid PA Driver's License. Be able to work unconventional hours; this position requires evening and weekend events outside the "9 to 5" window.
- Possess a passion for being well-informed about events, relationships, and community trends in the region.
- Able to build trusting relationships with racially, ethnically, and socioeconomically diverse communities.
- Outgoing, easy to work with personality.
- Strong bi-lingual Spanish/English skills.

**Reports To:** Executive Director

**Salary:** This part-time position (30 hours per week) pays \$35,000

**Benefits:** Health insurance for employee and children

**Apply:** Send resume and cover letter to [info@pccy.org](mailto:info@pccy.org)