## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## Are you an attorney who is passionate about protecting the rights of children and victims of abuse?

Center for Hope is looking for volunteers to participate in mock trials in order to develop the skills of child advocacy center staff and other multidisciplinary partners working with child victims of sexual abuse who may testify in court.

## WHO WE ARE

Center for Hope's child advocacy center (formerly known as Baltimore Child Abuse Center) is designed to break the cycle of violence and its lifelong impact for victims of all ages.

The Forensic Interview Research and Education (FIRE) Program at LifeBridge Health's Center for Hope gives individuals impacted by trauma a voice by uniting forensic interview research and practice. We educate professionals, support effective legal processes and promote innovative, evidenced-based techniques in forensic interviews.

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

As a volunteer, you will participate in mock trials so that our trainees may engage in realistic court proceedings. We are interested in having attorneys present on a variety of topics including defending forensic interviews in court, voir dire, etc.

You may play the role of:

- Prosecutor
- Defense attorney
- Judge

You can expect to:

- Conduct direct and cross examinations
- Ask realistic questions relevant to child sexual abuse
- Provide helpful feedback to participants at the end of the mock trial
- Conduct additional presentations about legal proceedings

