**Position**: Attorney II **Opening Date**: March 19, 2021

**Department**: Department of Social Services **Closing Date**: April 2, 2021

**Salary**: $69,492.68 Annually

 $33.41 Hourly

**Responsibilities**:

The primary purpose of this position is legal representation for the Department of Social Services in all aspects of social services law. This position will work with staff in preparing cases for trial and will be responsible for representing the agency in District Court. The employee provides legal advice and answers questions relating to statutes, rules, regulations or court interpretations. The employee also drafts legal documents, researches legal precedents, advises officials on legal implications of actions, and ensures compliance with the law. Experience with Abuse/Neglect/Dependency court, NC General Statutes Chapter 7b, and the Rules of Civil Procedure is preferred. Supervision is provided to clerical staff, child support and child welfare staff with regard to legal documents where the assistance of staff is required for preparation and/or distribution. This position reports directly to the Assistant Director.

**Qualifications**:

* Graduation from an accredited school of law and licensed to practice in the State of North Carolina;
* At least one year of professional legal experience is required.
* Five years of experience in the practice of law, in a governmental setting working where trial advocacy is a significant component of the work assignment, is preferred.

**Who We Are**:

Located in the Foothills region of North Carolina, Alexander County is primarily rural in nature. Bordered by the Brushy Mountains to the north and the Catawba River to the south, residents can enjoy a quiet, more isolated area in the country or a more urban setting with lakeside living. The county is rich with history and demographically distinguished by a small town and several rural communities. Alexander County is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners who are elected at-large, serving four-year terms, with a general operating budget of $43 million and approximately 700 employees. The County offers a wide range of training opportunities, a supportive work culture, and an excellent benefits package.