

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**STAFF ATTORNEY**  
**IMMIGRATION AND TRAFFICKING PROJECT**  
**(Internal and External)**

For over 50 years, Legal Aid Chicago has provided free civil legal assistance to people living in poverty in metropolitan Chicago. Each year our attorneys, volunteers, and staff help resolve legal problems, including domestic violence, consumer fraud, immigration, employment, and unfair evictions.

**Overview**

Legal Aid Chicago will begin a special project with Mujeres Latinas en Accion (MLEA). The Latina Empowerment and Advancement Project (Project LEAP) will work with immigrant girls and women who are highly vulnerable to human trafficking, specifically, to commercial sexual exploitation. The project will focus on immigration status, trauma and mental health, medical needs, and law enforcement involvement, incorporating Legal Aid Chicago's expertise in both immigration and human trafficking law, and MLEA's Healing, Thriving, and Leading programs. The project will create a collective, team-based collaboration between the two agencies. Project LEAP will address systemic barriers impacting immigrant girls and women who are most vulnerable to "on-ramping" to commercial sexual exploitation, providing participants with consistent and committed support, active participation in goal setting, immigration legal services, and trauma-informed programs that address healing, and employment and leadership opportunities.

**Position:** Legal Aid Chicago seeks a full-time Staff Attorney in the Immigrants and Workers' Rights Practice Group. The attorney's responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Representation in immigration matters, including U, T, and VAWA applications, and possibly other immigration remedies, including possible removal proceedings;
- Develop knowledge to assist with legal issues including public benefits, housing, employment and other relevant areas of law;
- Assess cases for program eligibility;
- Develop and work with unified teams between the two agencies for highly collaborative work;
- Participate in team meetings and client-present meetings;
- Conduct outreach to potential participants;
- Work with human trafficking survivors to help shape and direct program development;
- Communicate complex concepts to clients who may have limited education or language barriers;
- Integrate participant voice to help heal cycles of victimization, rebuild confidence, and set individualized future goals for each participant.

**Requirements/Qualifications:**

- Illinois law license or ability to waive into Illinois bar
- Spanish fluency
- Prior experience working in trauma-informed environment
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills
- Desire to work in a team environment with multiple individuals



**Salary:** Dependent on qualifications and experience. Legal Aid Chicago offers generous fringe benefits.

**To apply:** Send resume, cover letter, and the names and contact information of two professional references, to [resume@legalaidchicago.org](mailto:resume@legalaidchicago.org). Include the phrase “IWR Staff Attorney- Project LEAP” in the subject line of the email.

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