



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Social Worker

For more than 50 years, Legal Aid Chicago has provided people living in poverty in metropolitan Chicago with comprehensive free legal services for non-criminal issues. Legal Aid Chicago's attorneys and staff help resolve civil legal problems, including domestic violence, consumer fraud, and unfair evictions.

Position: Legal Aid Chicago's Client Support Services staff (CSS) are part of an interdisciplinary legal services model, working with attorneys and paralegals to provide holistic services to Legal Aid Chicago clients to increase their stability and achieve success in their case. The social worker will work primarily with clients who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and financial exploitation of older adults. The social worker reports to a Supervisory Social Worker.

Responsibilities include, without limitation:

- Assess client needs and link them to appropriate services, such as self-help services, community mental health services, job and housing services;
- Advocate for and support clients' interaction with service providers, caseworkers, and others, including independent review of reports, treatment plans, and other materials issued by social services agencies;
- Consult with Legal Aid Chicago attorneys and staff on behalf of clients, including analysis of social work and mental health issues impacting clients, and identification of services to resolve issues which arise in the legal representation;
- Conduct follow up with other agencies and service providers to ensure compliance with agreed upon or court-ordered treatment;
- Participate in case acceptance and case evaluation meetings with legal staff;
- Assist other staff in making informed decisions about case management issues, including assessing client's capacity to benefit from proposed services;
- Conduct independent research on issues relating to clients' mental health and other social service issues and social science research to assist legal staff in understanding larger, systemic issues impacting our client population;
- Conduct in-house training and education for staff on mental health, social work and other issues;
- Participate in community legal education for client groups and service providers;
- Supervise social work internship students;
- Perform such other duties as are reasonably related to the duties of the Social Worker as may be assigned from time to time by the supervisor.

Qualifications:

Applicants must have a Master's degree in Social Work, experience and competence working with people from diverse backgrounds including but not limited to race, gender, culture, age, language, and ability level, dedication to working in a multidisciplinary setting with a strong commitment to



collaboration and teamwork, a commitment to social justice, excellent oral and written skills, internet and computer skills, including familiarity with Microsoft Office.

Preferred applicants will also have Spanish language fluency, training or experience working with victims and/or survivors of trauma and domestic violence; a license in social work (LSW/LCSW); and access to a car and a valid driver's license.

Salary: Salary depends on experience. Generous fringe benefits.

To Apply: Send cover letter, resume, transcript (unofficial ok), and contact information for two professional references to: resume@legalaidchicago.org. Please type “**Social Worker**” in the email subject line. Applications received by April 10, 2020 will be given preference. The position will remain open until filled.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Legal Aid Chicago has taken bold steps to protect the safety and health of our staff while maintaining our commitment to continue serving our clients to the best of our abilities. The office has transitioned to remote working arrangements and we will continue to monitor the pandemic daily and make decisions to protect our staff and clients during this unprecedented and challenging time.

Legal Aid Chicago is firmly committed to creating a diverse workplace and is proud to provide equal employment opportunities to all applicants and therefore does not discriminate on the basis of creed, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age religion, marital or parental status, alienage, disability, political affiliation or belief, military or military discharge status, or ex-offender status. Applicants who have experiences with our client communities are encouraged to apply.