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LEGAL AID SOCIETY – HUMAN TRAFFICKING OUTREACH INTERNSHIP

The Individual Rights & Social Justice Practice Group of the Legal Aid Society (LAS) is seeking two law student interns for Summer 2020 who share a passion for advocating for the rights of low-wage, immigrant workers. We provide holistic, trauma-informed legal services to survivors of human trafficking and other serious crimes, including immigration relief, victim rights representation, employment and civil claims, and more.

This is a unique and exciting opportunity to join LAS staff in our efforts to reach those vulnerable to labor trafficking and other forms of exploitation. We conduct direct outreach primarily to workers on temporary guest-worker visas, including H-2A (agricultural) and H-2B (non-agricultural) workers. Outreach involves driving to migrant labor camps, worksites, and other locations to inform workers of their rights, distribute materials and information, and conduct legal assessment and intake regarding any problems workers may be experiencing. Outreach is a key component of our work, and the summer interns will be integral to our efforts to expand legal services to this very isolated and marginalized population.

Interns will gain hands-on experience conducting legal assessments and working with clients, as well as skills in identifying and planning strategic outreach to vulnerable populations. Additionally, interns will have the opportunity to participate in a 3-day regional training for staff of migrant legal services programs from throughout the Midwest, held at the end of May. The training is designed mainly for outreach staff to learn the substantive legal issues most commonly encountered in the field, as well as issue-spotting exercises and mock client interviews. LAS staff will also conduct an in-depth orientation with interns to kick off the outreach season.

Location: We are hiring two interns to work out of our partner organization's office in St. Clair County, IL. Interns may base themselves in St. Louis, MO (only 20 minutes away by car) or anywhere throughout Southern Illinois according to their needs.

Compensation: This is a paid, full-time internship. We provide a stipend of \$5000 for ten weeks. All mileage expenses will be reimbursed.

Responsibilities:

- Helps plan and implement direct outreach to potential victims of human trafficking.
- Engages in outreach and training events in partnership with other agencies or organizations, as appropriate.
- Develops relationships with community leaders, social services, and other stakeholders in area and communicates agency anti-trafficking services, programs and goals as needed.
- Screens potential clients for indicators on human trafficking, conducts detailed assessment as available and appropriate, and coordinates with Supervising Attorney.
- Assists attorneys in client representation and litigation. This includes drafting pleadings, conducting factual investigations, performing in-depth legal research, gathering and compiling

documentary evidence, locating and preparing witnesses, and other necessary communication with clients or witnesses.

- Maintains and completes records regarding information about each outreach event. Creates and maintains detailed records of each trafficking victim identified, including demographic information, type of trafficking, and steps taken to connect victim to services.
- Attends required orientation meetings, trainings, and pre/post outreach debrief sessions.
- Attends human trafficking task force meetings as appropriate.

Qualifications:

- Bilingual language fluency required in English and Spanish, or another language.
- Effective interpersonal and problem solving skills.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work effectively in diverse groups and with the immigrant community
- Familiarity with anti-trafficking issues a plus.
- Ability to master operation of computer hardware and software in assigned area.

This position involves travel within Illinois. Valid driver's license and good driving record are required.

To apply: Please email your resume and cover letter to Dana Harbaugh at HarbaughD@metrofamily.org. We will consider applications on a rolling basis through Spring 2020.