Case Worker—Housing Advocacy

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, Inc. is seeking case workers in its Client Support Services Program. One position is open in each of the five regional offices (Alton, Carbondale, Champaign, East St. Louis and Springfield). The position is dedicated to preventing homelessness and ensuring safety and stability of Illinoisans during the pandemic. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to low-income individuals in 65 counties in Illinois. We are committed to working for justice with those whose voices might otherwise not be heard; to empower individuals to advocate for themselves; and to make positive changes in the communities we serve. Our attorneys provide holistic legal advocacy in partnership with community organizations, social service agencies, and faith-based groups.

The case worker will work in an interdisciplinary manner with attorneys to provide case management services to housing clients. The case worker is supervised by a Managing Attorney and receive training and support from within the Client Support Services Program. The position also requires active participation in regular staff meetings, housing task force meetings and program development activities as needed.

Responsibilities include:

- Conduct interviews with clients to assess services needed and impact provided.
- Work with attorneys to develop appropriate strategies and case management for clients
- Work with clients to utilize all available resources to try and achieve successful outcomes in their case
- Attend court proceedings to stay informed of case status and to assist attorneys and clients as needed
- Research social service issues impacting clients as needed
- Build relationships with community partners and actively participate in outreach and education
- Make appropriate referrals to outside agencies and coordinate with agencies to ensure client stability
- Maintain regional community resource library
- Participate in weekly Client Support Service meetings with other Case Workers and share resources and knowledge across regional offices
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- B.S. in Social Work or equivalent experience; preference for M.S.W. applicants
- Strong commitment to social and racial justice
- Demonstrated ability to build relationships and work with people of diverse social, economic, and racial/ethnic backgrounds
- Attention to detail, as well as excellent verbal, interpersonal, analytical, writing, and organization skills
- Highly motivated and demonstrated ability to work independently as well as part of a team

Special Working Conditions and Demands:

- Applicants must have reliable transportation, valid driver’s license, and car insurance
- Applicants must have reliable internet to participate in videoconferencing

Compensation:

$37,500+ (depending on experience and education). Excellent insurance and retirement benefits.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and specify in subject line which office location(s) you are interested in (Alton, Carbondale, Champaign, East St. Louis or Springfield) to: hr@lincolnlegal.org

Land of Lincoln is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from people of color, persons with disabilities, women, LBGTQIA+, and gender non-conforming applicants.

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