JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Post-Conviction Social Worker

The Office of the Los Angeles Independent Defender Program (IDP) at the Los Angeles County Bar Association is accepting applications for a Post-Conviction Social Worker. The IDP is a nationally recognized, award-winning program of the Los Angeles County Bar Association providing oversight and legal support for appointed counsel who represent adults and youth charged with crimes in Los Angeles County. In response to wide-ranging changes in California law impacting the sentences of thousands of criminal defendants, the IDP is creating a legal team to coordinate and assist attorneys appointed to represent clients in a post-conviction posture.

The IDP Post-Conviction Social Worker will work as part of the post-conviction defense team, assisting IDP attorneys representing clients in resentencing proceedings across Los Angeles County courts. The Social Worker will conduct biopsychosocial assessments of clients incarcerated in California prisons, developing social histories and mitigation evidence in furtherance of resentencing goals. The Social Worker will work closely with incarcerated clients, their families, and reentry providers to develop comprehensive reentry plans to present to resentencing courts and then assist with implementation of such plans when resentencing is granted. They will also provide ongoing support and case management to resentenced clients upon reentry.

Responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Clinical assessment and development of social histories for individuals currently incarcerated in California prisons,
- Coordination with IDP attorneys as part of the defense team advocating for resentencing/release of clients,
- Development and implementation of detailed reentry plans, including housing, substance abuse, and employment services for reentering individuals,
- Advocacy on behalf of incarcerated clients represented by IDP,
- Case management and support to reentering clients.

Qualifications:
- MSW from an accredited university social work graduate program. Licensed clinical social workers preferred but we will consider MSWs or ASWs who meet the following qualifications:
- Demonstrated commitment and experience working with incarcerated/criminal legal system-involved individuals,
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and/or criminal legal system reform,
- Ability to work as part of the defense team in a client-centered practice and maintain the confidentiality of all information obtained while working on the case,
- A working knowledge of the Los Angeles criminal legal system and familiarity with Los Angeles-area reentry, housing, and support resources
- Familiarity with CDCR institutions and practices, including proficiency in reviewing incarcerated individuals C-Files and a working knowledge of how to communicate with and obtain records for individuals incarcerated in California prisons
- Exemplary communication, writing, and advocacy skills required,
- Proficient in Microsoft Office suite, particularly Word and Excel,
- Spanish fluency strongly preferred.

We provide a comprehensive employee benefits package in addition to a competitive salary determined by the candidate’s qualifications. We will be considering applications beginning now until the position is filled.

Please email a resume, writing sample and cover letter to job@lacba.org. For more information about the IDP, please go to: www.lacba.org/idp