JOB OPENING

Release Services Case Manager
Adult Representation Program
Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Background:
Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., is a non-profit law firm which provides community education and legal representation to Southern California’s most vulnerable immigrant communities. Esperanza specifically provides legal representation to immigrants who are in detention and/or removal proceedings, and focuses on complex immigration cases which may involve unaccompanied minors, mental health issues, and criminal or gang history. Esperanza also provides community education programming to adults in the custody of ICE, and to local sponsors who have been appointed as or are considering becoming custodians for unaccompanied children in removal proceedings. Esperanza has provided legal services to immigrants and their families in Los Angeles for over 15 years. More information can be found about Esperanza at www.esperanza-la.org

Responsibilities:
Esperanza seeks a Case Manager to assist our Representation Program for adults with mental illness. Under the supervision of the Managing Attorney for the Representation Program, the Case Manager will create post-release plans, and implement linkage and individual rehabilitation services to clients who have been found to be mentally incompetent by an Immigration Judge, and who are entitled to appointment of a qualified representative in their removal proceedings pursuant to Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder (http://www.aclusocal.org/franco/). The Case Manager will work closely with our Attorneys to create placement plans, advocate for services, link clients to community-based resources, and ensure that placement goals are being met after release from detention. The Case Manager will also conduct outreach services to promote agency services.

Qualifications:
- Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, human service or related field from an accredited or state approved college or university with 1+ years of human services experience (prior case management experience in a social service setting is highly desirable);
• Ability to manage and organize multiple priorities;
• Excellent documentation and communication skills;
• Ability to work with family and community agencies in preparation for release from detention;
• Ability to establish and maintain the confidence and cooperation of individuals and agencies within the context of work;
• Interest in working with individuals suffering from mental illness and individuals with long criminal histories or past gang affiliation required;
• Demonstrated ability to take initiative and work under pressure with limited supervision required;
• Fluency in Spanish required;
• **Passion for social justice for immigrants required.**

**Location:**
Our office is located at 1530 James M. Wood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015. This position will require frequent regional travel, including to the Adelanto Detention Facility. Mileage is reimbursed.

**Employment Type:** Full Time, Exempt.

**Salary:**
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**Deadline to Apply:** Interviews to be conducted on a rolling basis until filled. Candidates are encouraged to apply early.

**How to apply:**
Simultaneously email cover letter, resume, at least 3 references, and brief writing sample (5 pages or less) to: (1) Catholic Charities of Los Angeles Human Resources Department; P.O. Box 15095, Los Angeles, CA 90015, fax to (213) 251-3402, hrjobs@ccharities.org EEO; and (2) Patricia Ortiz, Program Director, Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project, portiz@ccharities.org, 1530 James M. Wood Blvd., LA, CA 90015. Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

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