

LEGAL COUNCIL

FOR HEALTH JUSTICE

JOB POSITION

Legal Advocate, AIDS Legal Council

The AIDS Legal Council (ALC) is a program of Legal Council for Health Justice. The ALC Program specializes in providing legal assistance on matters impacting persons living with HIV/AIDS. The Program works with a number of medical providers including the CORE Center at Stroger Hospital, Howard Brown Health Center, and Mercy Hospital. Legal Council staff assist people with HIV and AIDS with a variety of legal problems including: access to health care and public benefits programs, confidentiality and testing matters, and other matters related to their HIV status.

The Legal Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer: People of color, women, persons with disabilities, the elderly, members of the LGBTQGN community, and Veterans are welcomed and encouraged to apply.

Job Responsibilities:

The Legal Advocate will:

- Conduct educational outreach to patients and medical and social services staff at partner sites about issues confronting people with HIV and AIDS.
- Interview potential clients and evaluate issues for further assistance and advice.
- Assist clients to complete necessary paperwork, investigate facts, and develop evidence to assist with legal claims and disputes. Request and prepare client records and case files for legal representation.
- Enter program data, monitor files and data quality, and track the number and types of linkages provided to clients;

Characteristics and skills needed for the position:

- Must demonstrate a commitment to the mission of LCHJ.
- Must be able to manage a significant client caseload and work effectively and compassionately with persons with HIV/AIDS and with those experiencing severe mental health symptoms, often with co-occurring substance use disorders.
- Must work well independently as well as collaboratively with program colleagues and Council staff.
- Strong interpersonal, organizational, analytical and writing skills are a must.
- Bilingual skills (fluency in Spanish) a plus.
- Relevant experience includes not only professional advocacy on behalf of others, but personal experience with poverty, chronic illness, HIV, mental illness, public benefits or other issues affecting our client population.

How to apply:

Email (no phone calls, please) resume, compelling cover letter, and three professional references with subject line "Legal Advocate, AIDS Legal Council" to:

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Legal Council for Health Justice uses the power of the law to secure dignity, opportunity, and well-being for people facing barriers due to illness or disability. Founded in 1987 as AIDS Legal Council of Chicago to respond to the urgent legal and human needs of persons impacted by HIV-AIDS, the agency broadened its focus in 2014 to address discrimination, disadvantage, and disparities in health, wealth, and well-being across the lifespan of vulnerable populations.