

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT—STAFF ATTORNEY

Legal Council for Health Justice (Legal Council) is an Equal Opportunity Employer: People of color, women, persons with disabilities, the elderly, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and gender non-conforming, and Veterans are welcomed and strongly encouraged to apply.

This staff attorney will work closely with children’s healthcare providers (including a child mental health care center) referring patient-clients with issues including: eligibility for public benefits (Social Security, SSI, TANF, SNAP), access to medical care and medical care payment (Medicaid, Medicare, marketplace insurance coverage, etc.), and special education. The legal work will involve individual representation, some policy advocacy with legislative bodies and administrative agencies, and impact work including class action litigation on issues important to our clients.

Legal Council was founded in 1987 as the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago to respond to the urgent legal and human needs of persons impacted by HIV and AIDS. We expanded services in 2014 to address discrimination, disadvantage, and disparities in health, equity, and well-being across the lifespan of vulnerable populations.

All applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the mission of Legal Council. Experience in one or more of the following areas is preferred:

- Social Security, Medicaid and other public benefits programs,
- Special Education,
- General intake in poverty law,
- Models of harm reduction and trauma-informed care.

Relevant experience includes not only professional advocacy on behalf of others, but personal experience with poverty, chronic illness, HIV, mental illness, public housing or other issues affecting our client population. Spanish proficiency is preferred.

Principal Responsibilities:

- Providing legal representation, legal counsel, and referrals to eligible clients in a wide range of legal areas, including: public benefits such as SSI, TANF, and SNAP; health coverage including private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare and other programs; and special education.
- Coordinating on-site legal clinics and intake at medical outreach sites;
- Planning, implementing, and documenting outreach and training programs;
- Engaging, where appropriate, in impact litigation, administrative, and legislative advocacy; and
- Assisting in supervision and support of paralegals, law students, and volunteer attorneys.

Applicants must have a J.D. degree and be admitted to the Illinois Bar or be eligible for admission through reciprocity.

How to Apply: To apply, email a resume, compelling cover letter, legal writing sample, and three

professional references to:

Thomas Yates, Executive Director

job@legalcouncil.org

Salary: Salary is commensurate with experience and based on Legal Council's salary scale. More information about the agency is available at www.legalcouncil.org.