

**Social Worker**

*New York, NY*

*Application Deadline: 6/29/2018*

*IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS*

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*Job Type: LEGAL*

*Schedule Type: Full Time*

*Practice Areas: Immigration*

**Organization Description**

The Immigrant Justice Corps (IJC) and the Central American Refugee Center (CARECEN) on Long Island, seek a Social Worker (MSW) with a deep understanding and commitment to public interest to work on a joint initiative to provide critical legal representation to unaccompanied minor children and Parents with Children. The Initiative is funded through August 2020 and subject to renewal. The Social Worker will provide social work services to undocumented Long Island youth, unaccompanied minor children and Parents with Children facing deportation at the New York Immigration Court, appearing before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Family Courts on Long Island. The Social Worker will be an integral part of an inter-disciplinary legal team that includes IJC Justice Fellows (Lawyers), Community Fellows (Department of Justice Accredited Representatives) and staff attorneys, working closely to address the needs of these vulnerable immigrants. The Social Worker will address clients social, health and mental health needs.

IJC is the country's first fellowship program dedicated to meeting the need for high-quality legal assistance for immigrants seeking citizenship, other affirmative applications, and fighting deportation. Inspired by Chief Judge Robert Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, IJC brings together the country's most talented law school and college graduates to provide high quality representation to low income immigrants. IJC's two-year Fellowship program connects Fellows to the best legal services providers and community based institutions nationwide and leverages the latest technologies. The program also fosters a culture of creative thinking that engenders new strategies to reduce the justice gap for immigrant families, ensuring that immigration status is no longer a barrier to social and economic opportunity. Since IJC's founding in 2014, IJC has effectively assisted more than 39,000 immigrants and family members with a 93% success rate.

The Central American Refugee Center is a non-profit serving the immigrant community on Long Island. CARECEN has a three-decade long history of working on behalf of immigrants at our Hempstead and Brentwood offices.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

- Assess and counsel children, youth and parents with children clients, interview family members, and other collateral contacts; make home visits and engage in other off-site work
- Make social service referrals to appropriate health and mental health services, short-term crisis intervention, facilitate emergency housing, link clients to vocational and educational services; and help clients access social networks and support to reduce isolation.
- Review psychiatric records
- Make oral or written submissions to Immigration or Family Courts to advocate on behalf of clients or present mitigating factors
- Refer clients to health navigators and make appointments for children to enroll in Child Health Plus
- Assist children and youth to enroll in appropriate educational programs with sufficient bilingual programming
- Provide training to IJC/CARECEN Initiative staff on topics such as trauma and mental health diagnoses
- Participate in client intake with attorneys
- Attend staff meetings and case conferences to provide guidance on issues affecting the broader CARECEN caseload
- Assist with referral to appropriate psychiatrist/psychologist for evaluation
- Assist with record keeping and reporting

### **Training and Qualifications**

- Strong diagnostic skills with experience working with children, youth and adult clients with the following special needs: trauma, mental illness, physical illnesses and physical disabilities and intellectual and developmental delays
- Ability to negotiate with community based treatment providers
- Ability to quickly develop treatment plans
- Excellent organizational and court advocacy skills
- Excellent computer skills
- Ability to work within a team model and an interest in research
- Proficiency in Spanish is required
- An MSW degree and NYS certification in social work (LMSW)

### **Salary**

Commensurate with skills, experience and duties

### **Benefits**

Excellent benefits package including dental and vision.

### **Application instructions**

Email a detailed cover letter explaining why this job would be a great fit for you, a resume and three (3) references to [recruitment@justicecorps.org](mailto:recruitment@justicecorps.org) with "Social Worker" included in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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