



AppalReD Legal Aid

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Equal Justice Works Attorney Fellow: Project Renew/Medical Legal Partnership Staff Attorney

The Equal Justice Works Opioid Crisis Response Program mobilizes lawyers (Attorney Fellows) to provide education and direct civil legal services to opioid crisis affected communities in need of legal services. This program focuses on removing legal barriers and providing access to wraparound services and treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) clients in underserved communities.

AppalReD Legal Aid is recruiting for an Attorney Fellow in its Prestonsburg Office to launch a Medical Legal Partnership that eliminates barriers to recovery and self-sufficiency arising from OUD. In addition to directly representing clients, the fellow will develop educational materials and providing trainings for healthcare staff; gain insights from healthcare staff about top needs of OUD-impacted patients and the medical intervention points; implement a legal screening tool and referral process; and be available on-site at health clinics to meet with clients.

Project Renew, now in its third year, enables Appalachian Kentuckians recovering from substance use disorder (SUD) to enter or re-enter the workforce. Based in the coalfields of eastern Kentucky—the epicenter of the opioid crisis—Project Renew fills a critical gap in the post-treatment-to-employment continuum by providing legal services addressing expungement, eviction, and other barriers to employment and recovery for people recovering from SUD. This position will foster the development of a medical legal partnership and extend Project Renew's reach to underserved counties. The fellow will benefit from the mentorship of a Senior Project Renew Attorney as well as Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Training in Washington, D.C. Equal Justice Works will provide regular substantive and skills-based webinars throughout the Fellowship and monthly networking and collaboration sessions with other Fellows.

This position will focus on the civil legal needs of individuals in Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin and Pike Counties who are justice-involved or in recovery to assist with reentry and prevention of criminal justice involvement. AppalReD Legal Aid staff attorneys are generalists who handle varied caseloads in traditional poverty law areas like family law, housing, consumer, public benefits, and expungement. All attorneys are also expected to assist with community legal education and outreach and to work with community groups. This Fellow will educate community partners and destigmatize opioid misuse and medically assisted treatment and contribute to the framing of the opioid crisis as a public health issue.

For over 50 years, AppalReD Legal Aid has been serving low-income and other vulnerable clients in a 37-county area, which includes the Appalachian Mountains of eastern Kentucky and rolling hills of south-central Kentucky. AppalReD Legal Aid operates a network of 5 field offices

with a staff of 30 attorneys, 5 paralegals, and supporting personnel. Each office has facilities and the equipment to permit the staff to function as a first-class law firm.

Applicants should have a strong interest in serving the civil legal needs of justice-involved people, working in a rural area, with a desire to increase access to justice for OUD-affected individuals and communities. Prior experience preferred working with individuals in recovery, in a Medical Legal Partnership, or with delivering training and presentations.

License to practice law in Kentucky or eligibility for admission is preferred, but 2024 law school graduates will be considered. The compensation package includes a generous benefits package including participation in a state pension plan.

Interested applicants should apply to Angeleigh Dorsey, Executive Director, AppalReD Legal Aid via email at Jobs@ardfky.org. Applicants should send a resume under a cover letter indicating the specific nature of their interest in the position. Applicants should also enclose a writing sample and list of references.

Submission Deadline: October 25, 2024

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