



Breaking Barriers to Justice

Case Worker

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, Inc. seeks a case worker in its Western Regional Office located in Alton, Illinois, to work with attorneys to help clients facing complex barriers to safety and stability in their lives. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to low-income individuals in 65 counties in Illinois. We are committed to working for justice with those whose voices might otherwise not be heard; to empower individuals to advocate for themselves; and to make positive changes in the communities we serve. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides holistic legal advocacy in partnership with community organizations, social service agencies, and faith-based groups.

The case worker will provide direct services to clients who are facing legal problems such as, but not limited to: eviction, domestic violence, and clearing criminal records. In partnership with program attorneys and other staff, the case worker will identify and address services needed to resolve legal matters. The case worker will be supervised by the Managing Attorney and the Client Support Services Manager and will be part of the Client Support Services Program. The position also requires active participation in regular staff meetings, data collection, and program development activities as needed.

Responsibilities include:

- Work in an interprofessional legal team to develop strategies and case management goals for clients
- Provide holistic case management to diverse population of clients to increase success in legal matters and across life areas
- Assist clients in overcoming barriers through conducting home visits, attending court dates, and other community-based activities as appropriate
- Make appropriate referrals to outside agencies and coordinate with agencies to ensure client stability
- Maintain community resource library
- Actively participate in community outreach and education
- Build relationships with community partners
- Contribute to organizational culture of client-centered and trauma-aware practice
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or related field
- Strong commitment to social and racial justice
- Demonstrated ability to build relationships and work with people of diverse social, economic, and racial/ethnic backgrounds
- Attention to detail, as well as excellent verbal, interpersonal, analytical, writing, and organization skills
- Highly motivated and demonstrated ability to work independently as well as part of a team

Special Working Conditions and Demands:

- Applicants must have reliable transportation, valid driver's license, and car insurance

Compensation:

\$48,500+ depending on experience and education. Excellent insurance and retirement benefits; excellent leave benefits. Land of Lincoln is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit and is an eligible employer for the public service loan forgiveness program.

Please send a cover letter and resume to Client Support Services Manager, Fawn Pettet at: fpettet@lincolnlegal.org.

Land of Lincoln is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from people of color, persons with disabilities, women, LBGTQIA+, and gender non-conforming applicants.