



Breaking Barriers to Justice

Case Worker—Justice in Schools, East St. Louis

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid seeks a motivated case worker for its Client Support Services Program as part of its Central Regional Office's **Justice in Schools Project (JSP)**. The JSP is in partnership with **East St. Louis District 189** to serve students and their families with legal problems that impact their ability to thrive. This position is an opportunity to collaborate with District staff to address legal needs of District 189 families and identify ways to achieve equitable, long-term changes and improve the lives of East St. Louis residents.

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. Our attorneys provide holistic legal advocacy in partnership with community organizations, social service agencies, and faith-based groups.

The case worker will work the Justice in Schools attorney and paralegal, CRO staff, and with District 189 staff including social workers, nurses, principals, and teachers. The case worker will work in an interdisciplinary manner providing attorneys with case management services to clients. The position requires active engagement in meetings with District staff, as well as performance of community outreach and education, and program development. The case worker is supervised by the Managing Attorney and the Supervisory Social Worker.

Responsibilities include:

- Conduct interviews with clients to assess services needed and impact provided
- Work with attorneys to develop appropriate strategies and case management for clients
- Work with clients to utilize all available resources to achieve successful outcomes in their case
- Attend court proceedings to stay informed of case statuses and to assist attorneys as needed
- Build relationships with community partners and actively participate in outreach and education
- Make appropriate referrals to outside agencies and coordinate with agencies to ensure client stability
- Participate in weekly Client Support Service meetings with other case workers and share resources and knowledge across regional offices
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- B.S. in Social Work or equivalent experience; preference for M.S.W. applicants
- 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
- Preference for candidates with experience in community involvement and coalition building

Special Working Conditions and Demands:

- Applicants must have reliable transportation, valid driver's license, and car insurance
- Applicants must be willing to work flexible hours to accommodate the needs of the community

Compensation:

\$40,500+ (depending on experience and education). Excellent insurance and retirement 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 Managing Attorney: Megan Kinney, mkinney@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.