



Justice AmeriCorps Fellow Position

Social Justice Collaborative (SJC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit legal services organization based in Oakland. We focus on serving low-income immigrants in their deportation cases and provide free and low-cost legal assistance to mostly Spanish speaking clients. Continuing our Justice AmeriCorps Fellowship, SJC is hiring a one-year full-time attorney position that may be renewed for a second term.

The justice AmeriCorps Fellow is one of many lawyers and paralegals working throughout the United States to provide universal representation to unaccompanied immigrant children, as part of the justice AmeriCorps program. The Fellow will be responsible for conducting thorough intakes of unaccompanied minors and providing direct legal representation in immigration and related proceedings, including cases involving asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile status, T visas, and other forms of relief. In addition the Fellow conducts significant outreach activities and trainings in immigration law.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Handle a client caseload, providing direct representation to unaccompanied children aged 15 and younger
- Conduct detailed intake to determine the forms of legal relief available
- Represent children in immigration removal proceedings, as well as before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and state court proceedings related to a child's immigration case.
- Recruit and supervise volunteers and interpreters for the UAC program at SJC
- Mentor SJC pro bono attorneys to represent children in immigration or state court proceedings
- Screen clients for trauma, abuse, and trafficking
- Make referrals to additional services as appropriate
- Assume general administrative responsibilities, including grant compliance, data collection, timekeeping, case management, and other tasks related to AmeriCorps and Equal Justice Works program compliance
- Volunteer with EOIR's attorney of the day program to screen eligible youth
- Participate in community outreach events and presentations
- Establish and maintain relationships with community organizations and other immigration providers

Qualifications:

- California Bar Membership required
- Hold a J.D. *and* be a graduate of an Equal Justice Works member law school (most schools are members)
- Spanish language fluency
- Demonstrated interest in immigration law and/or working with immigrant populations



- Experience working with children (preferred)

Terms:

Total living allowance and supplemental benefits of approximately \$41,000 per year:

Other Benefits and Professional Opportunities:

- Eligibility to place all qualified student loans into forbearance and receive an interest accrual payment at the end of service
- \$5,730 education award upon successful completion of one year of service
- Participation in a week-long national training program on representing unaccompanied immigrant children in Washington, D.C. in December (dates to be announced)
- Child care assistance (through CNCS-approved vendor if income-eligible)
- Generous benefits package, including high level/quality health insurance, dental, vision, chiropractor, and pet insurance, paid vacation & sick-leave, parking permit, Simple IRA with SJC's corporate match

This position requires completion of National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW), state, and FBI fingerprint-based criminal background checks. Members must comply with Corporation for National and Community Service regulations. Note that presence on the National Sex Offender Public Website is a bar to service. Other criminal history does not necessarily disqualify candidates from service; cases are decided on an individual basis.

We are an equal opportunity employer/affirmative action employer that provides equal employment opportunities to qualified employees/applicants. We do not discriminate on any basis protected by law or not.

To apply: Send your cover letter, resume, and references to jobs@socialjusticecollaborative.org. Please do not inquire via phone.