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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Social Worker

The Federal Public Defender for the District of Alaska is seeking a full-time Social Worker to fill a temporary appointment. The initial appointment is for a term of one year; this position could become permanent subject to availability of funds. The official duty station will be Anchorage, Alaska. The Federal Public Defender, a branch of the U.S. Courts, operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. §3006A to provide defense services to indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts. Our office is dedicated to a client-centered defense that addresses both the legal and social support needs of our clients.

Responsibilities

The Social Worker collaborates with our attorneys and investigators to provide support services to our clients at all stages of their case. Primary responsibilities include managing records requests for attorneys; maintaining familiarity with programs within the Bureau of Prisons; building relationships with local detention facilities, pretrial services, probation, and treatment providers; addressing client treatment/rehabilitative needs (e.g. available substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, housing options, and employment opportunities for our clients); assessing and compiling psychosocial histories for care in detention, release, treatment options, conditions of probation, sentencing, and post-sentencing options; connecting clients to community-based support systems; contributing to a comprehensive resource database; and other duties as assigned consistent with the mission of the position.

Qualifications

Applicants must have 1) a bachelor's degree in social work from an accredited college or university; 2) three years of general office experience; and 3) three years of relevant specialized experience, such as knowledge of community-based rehabilitation programs, assessing the needs of clients and referring them to programs that best address those needs, creating effective vision boards for future development, conducting interoffice trainings, collecting and analyzing various types of records, or using computer and demonstrative media tools (e.g. PowerPoint, and CaseMap).

Requirements

Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible to work in the United States. Employment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation, including an FBI name and fingerprint check, and an IRS tax check.

Salary and Benefits

This is an "Excepted Appointment" full-time position with federal benefits and salary commensurate with experience and qualifications within the general rate ranges of JSP Grade 11 (\$81,956 - \$106,541) and JSP Grade 14 (\$138,035 - \$179,448). Among the many benefits are the Federal Employees Retirement System, the Thrift Savings Plan (401k), 11 paid federal holidays, 13 paid sick days annually, 13 paid vacation days annually (to start), and health, life, disability, long-term, care, dental, and vision insurance. Salary is only payable by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit).

How to Apply

Interested applicants should email a letter of interest that includes a description of relevant knowledge, skills, and abilities; a resume; and three references in .pdf format to Loisi Vailea, Administrative Officer, at Loisi_Vailea@fd.org with the subject line: SOCIAL WORKER APPLICATION. We will accept applications on a rolling basis until the position is filled. No telephone inquiries.

The Federal Public Defender is an equal-opportunity employer. All applicants regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or age, are encouraged to apply.