Employment Opportunity

BILINGUAL FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Ayuda is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing direct legal, social, and language access services, education, and outreach to low-income immigrants in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. With offices in both D.C. and Falls Church, VA, Ayuda has amassed a 40 year history of providing critical services on a wide range of issues, and acquired nationally recognized expertise in immigration law, domestic violence, and human trafficking, among other fields.

We are seeking a full-time Bilingual Family Law Attorney to advise and represent immigrant survivors of domestic violence primarily in domestic violence and domestic relations cases. The position is based in our Washington, D.C. office.

WHY YOU WANT THIS JOB:

Because, just like everyone at Ayuda, you believe:

- In seeing communities where all immigrants overcome obstacles in order to succeed and thrive in the United States;
- That families should be healthy, united, and safe from harm;
- That all people should have access to professional, honest, and ethical services, regardless of ability to pay or status in this country;
- That diversity and equality make this country better; and
- In the overall success of our organization and all our programs.

HOW YOU WILL DO THE JOB:

- Conduct legal intakes and provide legal advice and counsel on domestic violence and sexual assault related matters including civil protection orders, child custody, child support, divorce, alimony, criminal victim-witness advocacy, and related immigration matters;
- Provide direct legal representation to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in domestic violence and domestic relations cases in D.C. Superior Court;
- Collaborate with Ayuda's Social Services department to ensure the provision of holistic services;
- Conduct trainings to area service providers and outreach presentations to potential client groups;
- Represent Ayuda at local coalition meetings and participate in advocacy initiatives;

- Assist with the preparation and submission of grant applications and reports; and
- Other duties as assigned.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU CAN DO THE JOB?

- J.D. or LL.M from accredited law school;
- Admission to D.C. Bar or immediate eligibility to practice under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49; additionally, admission to Maryland Bar is strongly preferred;
- At least 6 months of civil legal practice experience (including substantive law school clinic experience), preferably in domestic violence and/or family law;
- Experience working with low-income immigrant populations and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other forms of gender-based violence;
- Fluent Spanish;
- Applicants who speak other languages (especially French, Amharic, Chinese, Vietnamese or Korean) are encouraged to apply; and
- We encourage applications from people of color, women, and members of immigrant communities.

SALARY:

Commensurate with experience, plus a benefits package, that includes medical and dental insurance.

TO APPLY:

Send an email with the subject line "Bilingual Family Law Attorney" and the following documents to Gillian Chadwick, Supervising Attorney at jobs@ayuda.com:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Writing Sample (less than 5 pages)
- 3 References

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting on December 1, 2013 until the position is filled. Apply early for full consideration. Please no calls.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT: Ayuda is an equal opportunity employer. We value a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture. Ayuda encourages applications from all qualified individuals and does not discriminate, and will not tolerate discrimination, on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status as those terms are defined under applicable laws.