



Social Worker

About Safe Passage Project

Safe Passage Project provides free lawyers to 1,100 child refugees who are being deported.

Many children embark alone on the long and dangerous journey to the United States seeking protection. They are fleeing trauma such as gang violence and recruitment, abuse, and sexual assault. In 2019, the federal government reported over 70,000 immigrant children seeking entry to the United States. Closer to home, the NYC Immigration Court has more than 15,000 unaccompanied minors on its docket.

Immigrant children are not afforded free legal representation by the government, regardless of their age. As a result, more than half of immigrant children must go through immigration proceedings without the aid of a lawyer. Unable to effectively argue their claim for the legal protections they may qualify for, more than 80% of these children are issued deportation orders. To many, this means returning to the danger from which they fled.

This is where [Safe Passage Project](#) steps in, providing free legal assistance to these refugee and immigrant children in New York City and Long Island who are facing removal despite their strong legal claim to stay in the United States.

About the Role

The Social Worker will be joining the social work department and will be responsible for the planning and coordination of time-limited, non-legal services for youth clients and their families. Safe Passage does not provide comprehensive social services; however, through the provision of limited non-legal services, including referral and advocacy services, the social work department works to ensure that young peoples' health, safety, and educational needs are met in order to fulfill the legal mission of Safe Passage Project. This position reports to Supervising Social Worker Samantha Norris.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Conduct core assessment intakes and develop individual service plans with young people;
- Engage in continuous outreach with young people and their families to recommend services and to ensure successful service linkages;
- Participate in monthly case conferences with the social work team;
- Collaborate with both staff and *pro bono* attorneys representing young people;
- Develop and maintain relationships with social service providers, schools, local government agencies, and community organizations in order to facilitate referrals for young people;
- Maintain case notes and referral updates using the Salesforce database system;
- Assist with grant reporting requirements, including collecting and maintaining required data;
- Work closely with the social work team on the most sensitive and/or complex cases to support their advancement;

- Provides task management support or supervision (if SIFI-certified) to MSW students during their field placement;
- Together with the social work team, conduct trainings on internal social work processes, benefits and services available to unaccompanied immigrant youth, and vicarious trauma for Safe Passage staff.

Qualifications: The strongest candidates for this position will have the following qualifications and characteristics:

- Master's Degree in Social Work from an accredited university (required);
- LMSW or intent to pursue LMSW during the first six months of employment (required);
- Spanish language skills (required);
- Experience working with diverse communities, preferably with immigrant youth;
- Experience in trauma-informed approaches and a willingness to enhance understanding of such approaches;
- Knowledge of the social, educational, health, and other services available to immigrant youth in the New York City metropolitan area;
- Familiarity with immigration law and family law;
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively on an interdisciplinary team in a fast-paced, high-intensity environment;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office, including Word and Excel, and G Suite.

Salary: \$45,000+ per year

Safe Passage Project is an equal opportunity employer. Women, people of color, LGBTQ People, veterans, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

To Apply: Please email a resume and thoughtful cover letter, outlining how your skills and experience meet the qualifications of the position and how you found out about the position, to jobs@safepassageproject.org with the subject line "Social Worker."