



Social Worker-Long Island

Organization Overview

Safe Passage Project provides free lawyers to young refugees and immigrants who are being deported. To date, we have supported more than 1,000 young people in NYC. The New York Immigration Court has more than 15,000 cases involving unaccompanied minors on its docket, many of whom are fleeing trauma such as gang violence and recruitment, abuse, and sexual assault.

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. Without a lawyer, more than 80% of children are issued deportation orders, returning to the danger from which they fled. This is where Safe Passage Project steps in, providing free legal assistance to these refugees and immigrant children in New York City and Long Island.

About the Role

You will be joining a small team of social workers within a pro-bono legal aid organization and will be responsible for the planning and coordination of non-legal services for youth clients and their families. Taking a trauma-informed approach, you will meet with young people, provide referrals and advocacy, give insight and support to the legal team, and help ensure basic needs are met so that the legal mission of Safe Passage Project can be fulfilled. This role is an exciting opportunity for an MSW who wants to support immigrant youth through the stressful and confusing US immigration system. You will be supported by and report to Supervising Social Worker Samantha Norris.

This opportunity will be based in our Long Island Office, which houses a team including 6 staff attorneys, 2 paralegals, as well as interns and volunteer pro-bono attorneys, all of whom work together to support our young clients and meet their need for immigration legal services.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Engage in continuous outreach and relationship-building with young people and their families to recommend services, make referrals, and ensure connection to services;
- Develop and maintain relationships with social service providers, schools, local government agencies, and community organizations in order to facilitate referrals for youth;
- Conduct social service needs intakes and psychosocial assessments;
- Collaborate with both staff and pro bono attorneys representing Safe Passage Project

- youth;
- Maintain client files and case notes using the Salesforce database system;
 - Assist with grant reporting requirements, including collecting and maintaining required data;
 - Work closely with the Supervising Social Worker 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 the benefits and services available to unaccompanied immigrant youth, vicarious trauma, and cultural humility for Safe Passage staff and interns.

Qualifications: The strongest candidates for this position will have most, though likely not all, of the following qualifications and characteristics:

- Master's Degree in Social Work from an accredited university;
- LMSW or intent to pursue LMSW during the first six months of employment;
- Written and verbal Spanish language fluency;
- Experience working with diverse communities, preferably with immigrant youth;
- Knowledge of the social, educational, health, and other services available to immigrant youth in the New York City metropolitan area;
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively on an interdisciplinary team;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office, including Word and Excel, and G Suite.

Compensation and Benefits:

Safe Passage Project offers competitive salary and benefits, commensurate with experience and skills. In addition, Safe Passage Project offers a flexible work environment, including the opportunity to work from home, flexible hours, unlimited time off, and 12 weeks of paid family leave. The team works on a beautiful campus at a terrific office location in Tribeca and every employee has access to support for professional development. Safe Passage Project is proud to have a top-down, bottom-up commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

How to Apply:

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

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