

## Job Announcement Project Attorney – South Bend Office Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (ILS)

**Position:** Full-Time Healthlinc Medical Legal Partnership Project Attorney – ILS South Bend office.

This position offers an opportunity for someone committed to poverty law and equal access to justice. ILS is a non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance throughout Indiana to low income people in civil matters. The successful applicant will work in an environment that encourages all staff members to creatively seek ways of accomplishing our mission: to use the law to fight poverty, empower clients, and improve access to justice.

This project is funded to implement a community focused medical legal partnership in Northwest Indiana. The project attorney will integrate with the health care delivery team at Healthlinc's seven federally qualified housing centers. The aim will be to work on health harming legal needs for individual patients while also identifying broader issues that impact community health and justice.

**Organizational information:** The South Bend office provides a full range of free civil legal services to clients who qualify, pursuant to the ILS eligibility guidelines, in areas such as family, consumer, housing, health, income maintenance, prisoner re-entry, and employment. ILS has 8 offices located throughout Indiana. ILS is funded by the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), the Indiana Civil Legal Aid Fund, United Ways, Area Agencies on Aging and approximately 20 other funding sources.

## **Responsibilities:**

- · Implement the Healthlinc Medical Legal Partnership.
- Represent eligible individuals with civil legal needs.
- · Work with community partners, law schools, pro bono attorneys.
- · Identify and address community legal needs.
- · Identify and collaborate on sustainable project funding.

## **Qualifications**:

- · Dedication to the mission of Indiana Legal Services.
- Ability to implement a project per the terms of a grant.
- Licensed to practice law in Indiana or able to become licensed by reciprocity or taking the next Indiana bar exam.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Negotiation skills and litigation skills.
- · Ability to work as a team member.
- · Second language preferred.
- Knowledge of poverty law preferred.

Compensation: Salary is commensurate with experience. ILS offers an excellent fringe benefits package including health insurance (medical, dental, vision, Rx), disability insurance, life insurance, a 401k plan, a flex benefit plan, and generous vacation and sick leave. The attorney may be eligible for the ILS loan repayment assistance program (LRAP) as well as the Indiana Bar Foundation LRAP, LSC LRAP, College Cost Reduction Access Act and Higher Education Opportunity Act LRAP. ILS will pay up to \$2,500 in moving expenses if the successful applicant needs to move from another city.

**To Apply**: Please send a resume, list of 3 references with email addresses and telephone numbers, law school transcript and legal writing sample to Angelika Mueller, Deputy Director, Indiana Legal Services, Inc., 401 E. Colfax, Suite 116, South Bend, IN 46617, angelika.mueller@ilsi.net.

The position will remain open until filled. Preference may be given to early applicants.

Equal Employment Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer Minorities, women, persons with disabilities and persons with Spanish-speaking ability are urged to apply.