



Posting Date:	3/1/2019	Closing Date:	4/30/2019
Practice:	Post- Conviction Practice, Criminal Defense	Department/Unit:	Parole Revocation Defense Unit
Main Location:	199 Water Street	Assigned location:	Rikers Island Judicial Center and 199 Water Street
Job Title:	Forensic Social Worker	Job Reference Code:	
Reports to:	Social Work Supervisor, Post- Conviction Unit		
Type (check one):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time	hrs/wk (PT only)
Status: (check One)	<input type="checkbox"/> ALAA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1199	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Union

<b>MAJOR PURPOSE OF POSITION</b>
<p>The Criminal Defense Practice is seeking a Forensic Social Worker in the Parole Revocation Defense Unit (PRDU) .While working closely with the PRDU attorneys and legal staff, the FSW will interview and assess clients for substance use and mental health issues. The FSW will recommend a treatment program and testify at parole violation hearings as an expert witness at the Rikers Island Judicial Center. The FSW will complete necessary paperwork and provide supportive documents to facilitate a client’s interview with a program and/or to assure a client’s acceptance into a program. The FSW educates the client about treatment options and offers crisis intervention and supportive counseling.</p> <p>This position is Rikers Island based practice with an office at the Water Street location. Candidates must be willing to travel to the Rikers Island Judicial Center regularly.</p>
<b>ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interview and assess clients for substance abuse and mental health treatment needs.</li> <li>• Identify appropriate services for clients and facilitate applications and interviews with programs</li> <li>• Provide verbal advocacy on behalf of clients in administrative law proceedings.</li> <li>• Interface with Judges, Parole Revocation Specialists, and Correctional Personnel</li> <li>• Negotiate with community-based treatment centers</li> <li>• Assess a client’s readiness for treatment and make referrals to substance abuse treatment, domestic violence services, mental health counseling, MICA programs, supportive housing programs, shelters, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>SECONDARY DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other duties as assigned</li> </ul>
<b>TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS</b>

- Strong diagnostic skills and experience working with individuals with the following special needs: MICA, physical illness and disabilities, mental illness, intellectual disabilities, developmental delays, and histories of substance abuse.
- Candidates must have an MSW degree and NYS certification in social work (LMSW)
- Excellent writing, verbal, organization, and computer skills
- Ability to work within a team model
- Commitment to protecting the rights of alleged parole violators
- Proficiency in Spanish is desirable, but not required
- Experience working in a correctional facility preferred.
- Prior work experience in CDP preferred.

**HOW TO APPLY**

If you wish to be considered for a position, submit an Internal Job Interest Application, cover letter and resume in a single PDF document to the contact person, e-mail or fax listed below. In addition, please include the Job Reference Code in all correspondence and in the subject line of your email.

<b>Contact Person:</b>		<b>E-mail:</b>	Jobs-crm@legal-aid.org
<b>Contact #:</b>		<b>Fax #:</b>	

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