

Mental Health Case Manager – Bronx, NY

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York (PLS) is searching for a Mental Health Care Manager for our Pre-Release & Re-Entry Program (PREP) located in our Bronx, New York regional office. PLS is a statewide program providing civil legal services to people incarcerated in New York State prisons and helping them to prepare for successful reintegration into their communities upon release. PLS engages in administrative advocacy and litigation primarily in cases involving civil rights, claims of deliberate indifference to serious mental health and medical needs, conditions of confinement, prolonged placement in solitary confinement, mental health treatment, with a special focus on juveniles and veterans, child visitation and support, excessive use of force and sentence computation issues. Applicants must have a demonstrated commitment to providing services to the disadvantaged.

Through PREP, PLS assists incarcerated persons scheduled to be released to the Bronx or Manhattan on their maximum release date. PLS' PREP works with selected clients to create a holistic reentry plan with the goal of ensuring successful reentry for individuals returning to their communities. The PREP Mental Health Case Manager will work with our Reentry Social Worker to prepare clients who are within six months to one year before their maximum release date for reentry and reintegration into their communities. Together with the client and the Reentry Social Worker, the Mental Health Case Manager will create a specific service plan that meets the client's mental health needs, including services required during incarceration and in the community. The Mental Health Case Manager will need to meet with clients periodically while incarcerated and in the community to ensure progress, assist with medication management, support clients through conflict that may arise between clients and service providers, provide brief crisis intervention, and celebrate client successes. The Mental Health Case Manager will coordinate with medical/mental health/hospital staff as needed for client development. Client progress will be followed for three years.

The position of Mental Health Case Manager requires a Bachelor's Degree, preferably a BSW or Human Services, and experience

working with clients who have a range of mental health diagnoses. Applicants must have exceptionally strong interviewing skills; very strong interpersonal skills; the ability to assess the needs of a client to determine what type of mental health program will best serve the client's goals; knowledge of the mental health programs offered within the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and in the community; experience creating relationships with community programs; a working knowledge or ability to develop a working knowledge of the mental health providers in Manhattan and the Bronx; ability to navigate the complexities of Medicaid and private insurance providers; experience assisting clients with medication and daily activity management; familiarity with the particular needs of LGBTQAI clients; an understanding of physical and intellectual disabilities; experience with a trauma-informed practice; and the ability to relate to each client on that client's level. Fluency in Spanish required.

PLS offers a salary that is competitive with other public interest law firms in upstate New York, and sets salaries depending on experience. PLS offers a comprehensive benefits package including medical, dental, short- and long-term disability, life insurance, and a 401(k)-retirement plan. All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of sex, race, color, age, national origin, religion, disability, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, citizenship, pregnancy or veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable law.

Please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample and at least three (3) references by email to: pkane@plsny.org. Due to the volume of applications expected, only people who are contacted for interviews will receive a response. The positions will remain open until filled.