Reentry Social Worker – Newburgh, New York and New York City

Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York (PLS) is searching for a Reentry Social Worker for our Pre-Release & Re-Entry Program (PREP) located in our Newburgh and New York City, New York regional offices. 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. The Re-Entry Social Worker will split their time between the Newburgh and New York City Office. Applicants must have a demonstrated commitment to providing services to the disadvantaged.

PLS’ PREP works with selected clients returning to the Bronx or Manhattan on their maximum release date to create a holistic reentry plan with the goal of ensuring successful reentry for individuals returning to their communities. The PREP Reentry Social Worker selects clients within six months to one year before their maximum release date and works with them to prepare them for reentry and reintegrating into their communities. The client and the Reentry Social Worker create a plan to address the needs of the returning client. The Reentry Social Worker meets with clients periodically after their release to assist with their initial re-entry, modify the reentry plan as needed, celebrate client successes and follow their progress.

The position of Reentry Social Worker requires an MSW. Applicants must have exceptionally strong interviewing and interpersonal skills and the ability to assess the needs of each client. The ideal candidate will have: the skillset to determine what type of program will best advance the client’s goals; knowledge of the types of programs available that meet each client’s needs within the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and in the community; experience creating long term relationships with community programs that the clients will be using, a working knowledge of the community the client is returning to; experience working with clients who have mental health diagnoses; familiarity with the needs of LGBTQAI clients; an understanding of physical and intellectual disabilities; a trauma-informed practice; and the ability to relate to each client on that client’s level. Mitigation experience and fluency in Spanish is desirable.

PLS offers a competitive salary 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.