



## **Health Practice Staff Attorney/Clinical Supervisor Elev8 Legal Services Project**

### **Organization**

The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is a non-profit organization with the dual mission of delivering much-needed free legal services to low-income people and providing clinical education to law students (primarily from Berkeley Law School - Boalt Hall). EBCLC works to make the lives of community members more secure, productive, healthy, and hopeful by providing legal services in the areas of housing, welfare, health, homelessness, community reentry, immigration, and consumer law.

### **Practice Group**

The mission of the Health Practice is to provide legal services that promote access to stable income, safe housing, and health care benefits for low income adults and children who are at risk for poor health outcomes. Based on a medical-legal partnership model, the Health Practice staff work in coordination with medical providers to reduce the barriers to care created by poverty, homelessness, and lack of legal status. Services focus on public benefits appeals, landlord-tenant negotiations, and immigration. The population currently served includes adults and children living with HIV/AIDS, and children and families referred by medical providers at Children's Hospital Oakland.

### **Position**

Elev8 is a national program established to "support communities in which all young people have the opportunity to realize their full potential by accessing educational opportunity, health services, and family support." Oakland Elev8, a partnership between Safe Passages, the State of California, Alameda County, the City of Oakland and the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), aims to improve health and educational outcomes for at-risk teens attending one of five selected Oakland middle schools. The full-time Elev8 Staff Attorney/Clinical Supervisor will support this effort by expanding the Health Practice's medical-legal partnership model to provide legal services to Elev8 teens and their families.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Direct the Elev8 Legal Services Project in coordination with Safe Passages and in collaboration with other partner organizations;
- Organize regular "know your rights" legal trainings at Elev8 Oakland school sites, to be conducted by EBCLC attorneys and students, other legal services providers, and community partners;
- Conduct weekly intake and provide legal information, counseling, and referrals to at-risk teens and their families on-site at five Elev8 Oakland schools, in substantive areas including youth law (special education, school discipline, etc.), public benefits (SSI, Cal Works, Medi-Cal, etc.), housing (eviction defense, habitability, etc.), community re-entry, and immigration.
- Provide limited or full scope representation on youth law issues (special education, school discipline, etc.)



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- Train and supervise law student interns assisting with weekly intake, referrals, and legal services, as appropriate.
- Complete administrative tasks as assigned by Supervisor or Executive Director, such as those related to funding procurement and reporting, and other tasks as set forth in an Individual Workplan.
- Participate in on-going professional development to improve client services and attorney/student supervision.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- Member of the California State Bar.
- Minimum one year experience providing legal services to disadvantaged youth; additional years experience desirable.
- Excellent legal research and writing skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to handle sensitive situations.
- Familiarity with issues relating to youth law, public benefits, housing, community re-entry, and immigration as it relates to individuals and families living in poverty.
- Demonstrated supervision and teaching skills and commitment to clinical education.
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse range of groups, including low-income clients, people of color, students, service providers, partner organizations, and law school faculty.
- Ability to speak fluent Spanish strongly preferred.

### **Salary and Benefits**

Public interest salary commensurate with experience plus generous benefits package.

### **Application Instructions**

Please submit the following materials **no later than 5pm (Pacific Time) on Friday, July 23, 2010** to [jobs@ebclc.org](mailto:jobs@ebclc.org): 1) A resume and cover letter, 2) a brief legal writing sample; and 3) the names and contact information for three legal/professional references.

EBCLC is an equal opportunity employer. People of color, women, LGBTQ, and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.