



Host Site: California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

Topic of Project: Education

Location: Stockton, CA

Description of Fellow Project:

The Rural Education Equity Fellow will support CRLA's Rural Education Equity Program, which has the goal of ensuring equal educational opportunity for K-12 students in rural schools. The Fellow will focus on education issues that impact students in CRLA's client communities. Students served by the program include those from low-income homes, farmworker households, and families of color. Many students served are English learners, immigrants, LGBTQ+, Indigenous, living with disabilities, and/or court-involved youth. CRLA engages in education advocacy regarding exclusionary student discipline and alternative school placement; bilingual education and language equity; bullying, discrimination, and school safety; school funding equity; and special education.

The program has been required to adopt a very flexible focus and approach since the COVID-19 pandemic has mandated distance learning across the state. The Fellow's work will include multiple legal strategies aligned with CRLA's advocacy efforts in Summer 2021.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

None

