



Host Site: Legal Aid of Arkansas

Topic of Project: Opioid Use Disorder Recovery through Legal Aid Assistance

Location: Jonesboro, AK

Description of Fellow Project:

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Student Fellow joins Legal Aid of Arkansas' statewide justice, "Beyond Opioids - Breaking Legal Barriers for Families in Recovery," the first collaborative project among legal aid programs within a state focused on people impacted by the opioid crisis and other substance use disorders.

The Fellow will spend 70% of their time working on intake cases. Intake cases can either be referrals from our community partners or direct client inquiries. At the heart of "Beyond Opioids" is a statewide referral system composed of a network of community partners that provide treatment, recovery services, and prevention services. When working on referral cases, the Fellow will need to communicate directly with our partners as their point of contact.

The Fellow will also have support from Legal Aid of Arkansas' experienced family law attorney team to help arm them with all the resources and support they may need to appropriately work intake cases. In addition to working intake cases, the Fellow will spend 30% of their time working on education and outreach. "Beyond Opioids" finds that civil legal services are an integral part of the statewide response to the opioid epidemic. Civil legal services address poverty-related stressors that get in the way of treatment recovery.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

None

