



Host Site: Central California Legal Services

Topic of Project: General Practice

Location: Fresno, CA (In-person)

Description of Fellow Project:

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellow at Central California Legal Services (CCLS) will support current activities to strategically broaden the organization's reach into many of the rural communities throughout their service area. Residents in these underserved, and isolated rural communities are challenged with high poverty rates, lacking reliable public transportation with limited or no access to high-speed internet.

CCLS' core services include community legal education, legal advice, in-court representation, impact representation in affirmative cases, in civil matters and referrals for clients to acquire additional essential services. Community legal education information and materials are distributed area-wide at self-help clinics and workshops offered on tenant rights, health care access, medical debt, utility concerns, domestic violence restraining orders, consumer, and senior protections.

The RSLC Fellow will bring their passion, energy, and talent to help CCLS reach their goals. The Fellow will conduct legal research and client interviews; draft legal documents and education materials; and assist in various client and case management needs. They will gain valuable experience during their time with CCLS as the project is designed to address the multiple legal issues rural community members are confronted with daily. CCLS is also interested in learning from the Fellow if they have a specific project they wish to propose for consideration.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

Proficiency in a second language is not required; however, knowledge in Spanish is a plus.

