



Host Site: Legal Aid of the Bluegrass

Topic of Project: Opioid Recovery

Location: Morehead, KY

Description of Fellow Project:

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass joined forces with other Kentucky civil legal aid providers and scaled up Project Renew in 2023 so every low-income person impacted by substance use disorder can access civil legal aid services critical to managing long-term recovery. Through Project Renew attorneys provide complete civil legal services including negotiation, litigation in administrative or court proceedings, and appeals for program eligible people and families impacted by SUD.

The Fellow will spend time engaging with clients in Eastern Kentucky suffering from SUD to identify their legal issues and how civil legal aid can help them promote successful recovery. The Fellow will shadow an attorney who has worked with inpatient people in recovery for two years. We anticipate the casework to be in family and domestic violence law and criminal records expungement work primarily. The Fellow will interview clients by using a legal screening tool developed for use with those who are recovering from SUD, research issues, create legal documents, attend court and help develop outreach plans to reach the clients we are targeting.

Additionally, the Fellow will work in general practice area assisting with client interviewing and intake, legal research, drafting, community outreach, and other tasks.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

The Fellowship will be in-person. Proficiency in a second language is not required.

