



**Host Site:** Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County

**Topic of Project:** LGBTQ+ Rights

**Location:** Pacoima, CA

**Description of Fellow Project:**

Antelope Valley ("AV") is a vast rural area located in the northern part of Los Angeles County, encompassing nearly 1,170 square miles of Mojave Desert, the area is home to 370,000 people living in the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale as well as several small, unincorporated census-designated communities. The AV has higher than average poverty rates than the rest of Los Angeles County, making the provision of free legal services of great importance to AV residents. There are limited social services available to AV residents and NLSLA is one of the only providers of free legal services to the community, as well as the only permanent provider of educational services for the area's youth and their families.

The RSLC Fellow will provide dedicated research to ensure that we identify the specific needs of LGBTQ+ youth as well as conduct outreach to make certain that we are able to assist with the legal issues that most impact this community. The Fellow will also create curricula aimed at educating LGBTQ+ youth and their families and community organizations about the legal remedies available for LGBTQ+ youth. The

RSLC Fellow will be a part of NLSLA's Education Practice and will assist in the development and implementation of regular community presentations to LGBTQ+ youth and their families in AV cities, aimed at helping families protect the rights of LGBTQ+ students in AV schools. The Fellow will expand NLSLA's existing workshops that address forced outing policies, bullying/victimization, harassment, misgendering, correcting school IDs and education records of deadname trans students. If the opportunity arises, the Fellow will draft public comments for Antelope Valley School District's School Board and LA County Board of Supervisors, 5th District meetings on issues affecting LGBTQ+ students.

**Additional Applicant Qualifications:**

The Fellowship will be hybrid. Proficiency in Spanish is preferred.

